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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

February 4, 1986

"Birds of Hawaii and Nearby Islands Like the Pribilofs"

by Harold Holt

SPECIAL NOTICE

The March meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 5, NOT Tuesday, March 4, due to scheduling difficulties.

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DECEMBER 1985 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- DECEMBER 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: David Blue, Bill Maynard. (Reservoir frozen; minus 5° to plus 10°). 15 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 3½ hours. (41 species, 1981 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Marsha Bicanovsky, Stephine Evans, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Thompson Marsh, Norma & Joe Shwed, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 25-44°). 46 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours. (35 species, 2620 individuals).

14, Saturday. Christmas Pre-Count: Ken-Caryl Ranch (KENC). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Dee Hay, Mort Staatz. (Clear Becoming cloudy; 10-45°). 21 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (31 species, 777 individuals).

14, Saturday. Christmas Pre-Count: Lower South Platte River (LSP). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, David Laliberte, Randy Lentz, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Joe & Norma Shwed. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 0-3 MPH; 25-49°). 29 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (41 species, 1720 individuals).

14 & 15, Saturday and Sunday. Purgatoire, Apishapa & Cucharas Canyons and intervening grasslands in Las Animas and Huerfano Counties (SOCOL). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny; wind 0-5 MPH; 20-50°). 615 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (24 species 430 individuals).

15, Sunday. Christmas Pre-Count: Waterton Canyon (WCN). Observer: David Martin. (Clear; 35°). 1 mile by car 2 miles on foot. 1½ hours. (14 species, 105 individuals).

24, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast to cloudy; wind, SE 5-10 MPH; 30-34°). 22 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4½ hours. (38 species, 1366 individuals).

29, Sunday. Denver to Wray, Beecher Island, Bonny Reservoir SRA, Hale, Burlington (ECOLO).
Observers: Larry Halsey, Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, SW 0-5 MPH; 26-50°).
450 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours. (46 species, 72410 individuals).

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DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 CCRA PLNS	7 NWDL PLNS	8 FTC PLN	14* KENC PLFH	14* LSP PLN	14/15 SOCOL PL/FH	15* WCN FHL	24 CCRA PLNS	29 ECOLO PLAIN
Ferruginous Hawk			1	3		1		3ad	3ad
Rough-legged Hawk	2	1	4	2	1			1	6
Golden Eagle				1ad					
American Kestrel	2m2f	3	18	2ma	1ma	2	1	2	4
Prairie Falcon						1			
Ring-necked Pheasant	4								
Scaled Quail						2			
Virginia Rail	2							2-H	
American Coot	2	18			20				
Killdeer					2			6	
Common Snipe	1	1	1	1				7	
Ring-billed Gull	500	573	1		177			20	
California Gull	200	1							
Herring Gull	11							10	
Thayer's Gull	2im								
Rock Dove	20	84	17	64	89			70	75
Mourning Dove					21				
Eastern Screech-Owl							1		
Great Horned Owl	4		1	3		1		3ad	4ad
Belted Kingfisher			1		3			1	
Lewis' Woodpecker			2						
Red-bellied Woodpecker									1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker						3			
Downy Woodpecker	3	1	1	1	1		1		
"Batchelder's" race								1fe	
eastern races								1fe	2
Hairy Woodpecker									
eastern races									2
Northern Flicker	4		3						
"Yellow-shafted" race									3
"Red-shafted" race		3		7	13	7		10	1
Horned Lark	12		25	20		4		6	700
Steller's Jay			1				3		
Blue Jay			4	4	1			4	6
Scrub Jay				12		2	4		
Pinyon Jay						3			
Black-billed Magpie	22	16	18	18	51		4	40	15
American Crow		1	3	4	2				4
Common Raven				17		7	3		
Black-capped Chickadee	2	1	10	2	5		20	2	20
Mountain Chickadee			7	3		5		1	
Plain Titmouse						15			
White-breasted Nuthatch					1			1	3
Brown Creeper			1					1	
Canyon Wren						2			
Marsh Wren								1	1
American Dipper		1							
Mountain Bluebird						60			
Townsend's Solitaire			3	12		40	3		2
American Robin			6	8	5	150	1	1	15
Northern Shrike		1	1		1		1	1ad	3ad
Loggerhead Shrike						1			
European Starling	25	22	80	132	165	20		75	10000
Green-tailed Towhee							1		
Rufous-sided Towhee							1		
Brown Towhee						30			
American Tree Sparrow	30	2	1		3	1		3	55

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 CCRA PLNS	7 NWDL PLNS	8 FTC PLN	14* KENC PLFH	14* LSP PLN	14/15 SOCOL PL/FH	15* WCN FHL	24 CCRA PLNS	29 ECOLO PLAIN
Song Sparrow	10	3	1	2	24			9	2
Lincoln's Sparrow	1								
White-crowned Sparrow					1				5
Harris' Sparrow									3
Dark-eyed Junco	2		3	29	28				
"White-winged" race				4					2
"Slate-colored" race				6			50		3
"Oregon" race	3			2	4	70	6		55
"Gray-headed" race				2			5		
Lapland Longspur									1000
Snow Bunting	1m2f								
Red-winged Blackbird	1	37	1	108	113			125	50000
Western Meadowlark		1	3	2					15
Rusty Blackbird									1ma
Brewer's Blackbird									1ma
Common Grackle					1				3
House Finch	20		10	216	79	2		75	40
Common Redpoll									6
Pine Siskin	2			12					20
American Goldfinch	45		2	6	12			1	4
Evening Grosbeak					11				
House Sparrow	40	6	12	66	122			125	300
TOTAL SPECIES - 94	41	35	37	31	41	24	14	38	46

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: * Christmas Pre-Count; Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature=im, i; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL; Foothills=FHL, FH; Heard Only=H.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1985 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Horned Grebe 12-22 (1) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co. (AJ, DW, JW, MW).
 Greater White-fronted Goose 12-20 (1 adult) Valmont Reservoir (DW).
 Ross' Goose 12-1 (1 immature) and again on 12-8 & 12-9, Centennial Park, Englewood, Arapahoe Co. (TJ). Details Submitted.
 "Blue-winged" Teal sp. 12-15 (1) Bromley Lane at Piccadilly Rd., Adams Co. (DW, JW).
 Hooded Merganser 12-1 (5 males, 5 females) Centennial Park (TJ); 12-3 (2 males, 2 females) Valmont Reservoir (DB, BR).
 Northern Goshawk 12-2 (1 adult) Washington Park, Denver (TJ).
 Bald Eagle 12-12 (15) Haystack Mountain area, Boulder Co. (DW, JW).
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 12-16 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JW).
 Golden Eagle 12-13 (5 adults, 2 sub-adults) Central Weld Co. (DW, JW); 12-22 (2 adults, 2 immatures) Pawnee National Grassland (JC).
 Merlin 12-13 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 27 & 70 (DW, JW).
 Wild Turkey 12-22 (6) South Platte River near Orchard, Morgan Co. (BG, NG); 12-29 (7) Jesus Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
 California Gull 12-20 (1 adult) Marshall Land Fill, Boulder Co. (DW); 12-22 (1 adult, 1 first winter) Valmont Reservoir (AJ, DW).
 Thayer's Gull 12-20 (2 first winter) Valmont Reservoir (LH, DW); 12-22 (1 adult, 3 immatures) Valmont Reservoir (AJ, DW, JW, MW).
 Glaucous Gull 12-20 thru 12-22 (1 first winter) Valmont Reservoir (LH, AJ, DW, JW, MW).
 Greater Roadrunner 12-29 (1) Jesus Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 12-6 (1) Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden, Jefferson Co. (DW).
 Short-eared Owl 12-16 (1) Washington Co. Rds. 58 & uu (DJW).
 Lewis' Woodpecker 12-7 (1) near Lyons, Boulder Co. (TJ).
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 12-16 (1 male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DW, JW).
 Bushtit 12-29 (20) Flathead Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
 Winter Wren 12-29 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 12-16 (2) Sterling Cemetery, Logan Co. (DW, JW).

Water Pipit 12-15 (1) South Platte River, Brighton, Adams Co. (DW, JW).
Harris' Sparrow 12-16 (2) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DW, JW).
Lapland Longspur 12-13 (43) Central Weld Co. (DW, JW); 12-16 (5) South of Fleming, Logan CO. (DW, JW).
Snow Bunting 12-12 (1 female) Plains Conservation Center Arapahoe Co. (VE); 12-12 (2) near Boulder Reservoir, Boulder Co. (DW, JW); 12-13 (62) Central Weld Co. (DW, JW); 12-16 South of Fleming (DW, JW); 12-22 (1) along Colo. Hwy. 52, southern Morgan Co. (BG, NG); 12-22 (1) along Colo. Hwy. 63, north of Akron, Washington Co. (BG, NG); 12-22 (130) Pawnee National Grassland (JC); 12-26 (75) at various locations in Washington & Yuma Counties (JC).
Common Grackle 12-19 (1 male) Plum Creek Nature Center, Douglas Co. (DW).
Common Redpoll 12-7 (1) South Platte River between Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton, Jefferson Co. (DB); 12-12 (13) Plains Conservation Center (VE); 12-13 (24) Central Weld Co. (DW, JW); 12-15 (20) north of Barr Lake, Adams Co. (DW, JW); 12-16 (15) Eastern Logan Co. (DW, JW); 12-22 (1 female) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (JC).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB); Jerry Cairo (JC); Virginia Edens (VE); Bob Gustafson (BG); Nancy Gustafson (NG); Laurens Halsey (LH); Art Jaeger (AJ); Tina Jones (TJ); Bob Righter (BR); Doug Ward (DW); Judy Ward (JW); Marvin Wolff (MW).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order, and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
4450 S. Alton St.
Englewood, CO 80111

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1986:

- FEBRUARY 1, Saturday. West Plum Creek & Castlewood. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Safeway lot at South Logan & US 285. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Sedalia.*
- 2, Sunday. Windsor Lake & Fairmont Cemetery. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 AM at Mortuary lot on Quebec St. south of Alameda. ½ day. Lunch optional.
- 8, Saturday. Evergreen Area. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Carpool 8:00 AM at Berkley Senior Center, Berkley Park east of Sheridan. Meet leader at Bergen Park at 9:00 AM.*
- 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 AM at the Denver Museum of Natural History (IMAX lot). ½ day. Lunch optional.
- 15, Saturday. Feeder Tour: Littleton & Deer Creek. Leader: Bob Spence (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 AM at Woodlawn Shopping Center, southeast corner of Windemere & Littleton Blvd. Will end early afternoon.*
- 16, Sunday. Valmont Reservoir & Boulder. Leader: Tina Jones (722-8514). Carpool at 7:30 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, then meet leader at 8:15 AM in Boulder at Pancake House east lot -- Broadway & Baseline. ½ day. Lunch optional.
- 22, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet 7:30 AM at Park-N-Ride, Wadsworth, south of US 285, west side.*

FEBRUARY 23, Sunday. Bear Creek to Foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory (was May D&F) located at Sheridan and Hampden.*

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Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682

Ruth Wheeler 435-3924

Field Trip Coordinators

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for **each** species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:
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 2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
 3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock' race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.
 4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc).
 5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.
 6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
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NEW MEMBERS:

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SPECIAL THANKS

To Kathy Hawkins for her generous contribution to the Rare Bird Alert.

UPPER-TEXAS-COAST BIRD TRIP

Night of April 17 thru April 22. Approximate cost will be \$180 to \$200. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) for more information.

NATURE CLASSES

Offered through the University of Colorado Adult Education and Denver Botanic Gardens:

- 1) "Raptor and Bald & Golden Eagle Identification Field Classes". Jan 24th intro. at night, Jan 26th Field Trip OR Feb 14th intro. at night, Feb 15th Field Trip OR Mar 12th intro. at night, Mar 15th Field Trip.
- 2) "Rosy Finches and Animal Tracks". Feb 19th intro. at night, Feb 22 Field Trip.
- 3) "Colorado Life Zones". Night class Jan 23rd.
- 4) "Bird Behavior, Migration, Courtship". Feb 20th, 27th, and Apr 7 -- all at night.
- 5) "Spring Bird & Botany Identification" in May, Conifer identification in Feb.

CONTACT TINA JONES (722-8514) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS THIS MONTH!!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MEMBERSHIP: Family: \$10.00 per year; Senior Citizen: \$5.00; Students: \$5.00

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
1985 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler
Jack Reddall, Co-compiler

Hugh Kingery, Feeder Coordinator

December 21, 1985: 4:45 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Morning: Clear. Afternoon: Clear. Temperature: 22-55°F. Wind: Variable, 0-20 MPH. Snow Cover: 0" to 24". Fresh Water: Mostly frozen. Wild Food Crop: Fair to poor! Observers: One hundred and twenty-four (83 in 27 parties with 41 at feeders). Total Party Hours: 219.5 (145 on foot, 74.5 by car). Total Party Miles: 727 (118.5 on foot, 608.5 by car). In addition, six hours were spent "owling" covering about 10 miles. Totals: 93 species plus 8 additional races. About 18,993 individuals. On this, our 32nd annual count, we again not only failed to reach the "century" mark for species counted, the 93 we did find represents the lowest total since 1969 when 92 species were counted. Likewise, the total of 18,993 individuals represents the lowest number since 1978. The severe weather in November coupled with a very poor local food supply undoubtedly played a major factor in the low count of species and individuals. Nevertheless, two new species were added to our count this year. Hugh and Urling Kingery found two Black-crowned Night-Herons along the South Platte River, and, of course, there was the now famous Cape May Warbler seen by well over one hundred people at the Axtells in Lakewood. This brings the grand total number of species recorded over the past 32 years to 166 on the Denver Christmas Count. New maximum individual numbers were achieved for seven species: Wood Duck-58, Cooper's Hawk-5, Northern Goshawk-4 (ties two previous years), Red-tailed Hawk-62 (ties last year and includes "Harlan's" race), Ferruginous Hawk-10, Rough-legged Hawk-24, Blue Jay-85. The ten most numerous species counted this year were: Canada Goose-4309, European Starling-2004, Mallard-1421, House Finch-1139, Rock Dove-952, House Sparrow-882, Dark-eyed Junco (all races)-874, Black-billed Magpie-850, Ring-billed Gull-697, American Crow-560. The special American Kestrel Count resulted in 42 males, 10 females and 3 unsexed birds for a total of 55 seen on the count day. Seen during the count period (three days before and three days after) but not on the count day were Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting.

A Summary of the 1985 Denver Christmas Bird Count on an Area-by-Area basis follows.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park (RRP). Winston William Brockner, Dave Balogh, Virginia Bleck, Sylvia Brockner, Albert & Jacqueline Crowden, Mel Gabel, Ken Roberts.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek (LBCK). Robert Spencer, Roberta Ausfahl, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP). Kathy Hawkins. No observers.
- AREA 3: BowMar (BMAR). Wade Leitner, Dianne Koshak, Tim Schowalter.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Nicky Pliler, Jo Shrode.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte (LSPR). Dick Schottler, Mary Jane Black, Dick Pratt.
- AREA 5: Highline Canal (HLC). Harold Oliver, Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, Donna Randolph.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek (PCK). Doug Ward, Judy Ward.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte (MSP). Laurens Halsey, Dave Hutchinson, Jack Reddall.
- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte (MSP). Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Keith McDonald, Deb Ostergard, Bruce Paton, R. J. Pautsch.

- AREA 8: Chatfield State Park (CSP). Jan Justice, Bob Andrews, Chris Barker, Virginia Edens, John Hardister, Kathy Hirst, Jackie King, Martha Zoeteway.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte (USP). David Martin, James Allison, Paul Scheffer.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek (LDC). Lynn Willcockson, Elizabeth Willcockson.
- AREA 11: Upper Deer Creek (UDC). Kenneth LaBorde, John Sanden.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak (YPK). Dan Bridges, Valerie Fritz, David Thibodeaux.
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain (DHM). Bob Righter, Rij and Sandy Righter.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek (NTC). Warren Finch, Jerry Hansen.
- AREA 15: Indian Hills (IHL). Duane Nelson, Chuck Aid, Randy Bangert, Dieter Kamm.
- AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek (UBC): Cal Wichern, Linda Babcock.
- AREA 17: Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR): Alan Hay, Suzie Bisbee, Dee Hay, Kieth Ketner, Chris Martin, Mort Staatz.
- AREA 18: Garrison Gate (GGT). Paul Rechel. No observers.
- AREA 19: Morrison-Willow Brook Estates (MWE). Carol Hack. No observers.
- AREA 20: Willow Creek (WCK). Philip Hayes, Richard Hale.
- AREA 21: Willow Springs to Mount Lindo (MTL). John Bregar. No observers.

FEEDER WATCHERS:

PLAINS: Jane Axtell, Audrey & Steve Baker, Margo Breen, Eleanor Buchtel, Dave Campbell, Anne Carson, Betty Chrisman, Donald Clark, Joe & Vergie Dooley, Jerome Grutza, Mrs. Gerald Harrison, Marie Kautsky, Linda LaBorde, C. Dean Lausten, Karen MacCarter, Garth Magee, Christy Martin, Jack McGrath, Sylvia Nelson, Mary Nigro, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Holly Vogt, Donald G. Wargo.

FOOTHILLS: Faye Benway, Gay Bishop, Marcia Ferguson, Polly Fields, Marjory Friedman, Alicia Kamm, Lila Kint, M. S. M'Gillycuddy, Grace McKinney, Harold McLaughlin, Edward Morey, Roy & Vera Nicodemus, Nita Sarver, Helen Waters.

PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLC	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CSP	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Pied-billed Grebe					2									
Double-cr. Cormorant					1	2								
Great Blue Heron		1	1		5	17	1	1	1	1	2	1		
Bl.-cr. Night-Heron										2				
Canada Goose		648	70	650	700	450	199	125	175	95	143		185	
Wood Duck				52		6								
Green-winged Teal		17	2			39				5				
Mallard		414	5	353	229	180		31	30	73	77	4	11	
Northern Pintail		1		4		6		1						
Northern Shoveler		1	1	2				1						
Gadwall			5	2	9	4		1	1					
American Wigeon		3		65	32			1			1			
Redhead					6	2								
Ring-necked Duck		1			7	24				1				
Lesser Scaup					5	3				2	5			
Common Goldeneye				4	82	73			7	1				
Barrow's Goldeneye					1ma									
Bufflehead					4	44								

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLC	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CSP	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Hooded Merganser		8			1									
Common Merganser			5	3	67	85								
Bald Eagle						1im			3		1ad			
Northern Harrier								1		1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1						1				1
Cooper's Hawk							1	1				1		
Northern Goshawk	1				1			1						
"Accipiter" sp.					2									
Red-tailed Hawk	1	2	5		2	6	3	6	5	3	6	5	1	1
"Harlan's" race			2						1		1			
Ferruginous Hawk									1	1	1			
Rough-legged Hawk			4	1	2	2	3		3	3	1	1	1	
"Buteo" sp.										2				
Golden Eagle									1ad	1im		2		
American Kestrel	1		3	3	2	7	1	1	1	7	7	2	4	
Prairie Falcon		1				1			1			1		
Ring-necked Pheasant								1		2	1			
Virginia Rail								3						
American Coot				5	45	5								
Killdeer				2	2	6			3	2				
Common Snipe				6				1	2	3	7			
Ring-billed Gull		40		2	579	74								
California Gull				2										
Herring Gull			1		12	6					5			
Gull sp.										3				
Rock Dove	28	68	8	55	59	32	100	5	50		45	1	37	
Mourning Dove					10									
Eastern Screech-Owl												1		
Great Horned Owl		1	1	1	1	1		7	4	1	6		1	
No. Pygmy-Owl												1		1
Long-eared Owl									1					
Belted Kingfisher		3		2	2	7		1	4	3	1	1		
Downy Woodpecker	1	2	1	4	2	1	2	3	3	2	4	1		1
Hairy Woodpecker		1	2							3	1		1	
Northern Flicker														
"Red-shafted" race	9	35	2	14	17	11		12	9	8	20	10	4	
Horned Lark			2	1		30	8						1	
Steller's Jay	2											65	17	37
Blue Jay		3		2	6					1			3	
Scrub Jay	17											25	6	4
Black-billed Magpie	28	106	54	32	53	70	35	20	39	31	70	47	8	9
American Crow	1	1		7	2	39	127	20	12	134	9	53	3	3
Common Raven	2			1		5	1	4	1		7	1		6
Bl.-capped Chickadee	10	14	14	16	21	13	2	21	21	26	51	45	9	16
Mountain Chickadee	3	8	2	21				1	3			2	4	20
Red-br. Nuthatch									1			1		2
White-br. Nuthatch	1	2		3	1	1			1		1	2		1
Brown Creeper	1	2	1	3	2				2	2	3	1		4
Canyon Wren	3													
Marsh Wren								3						
American Dipper		2	2	2					8	1	1	6	2	
Golden-cr. Kinglet				1										
Townsend's Solitaire	10	1	1		1	1						23	7	

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Lesser Scaup													15
Common Goldeneye													167
Barrow's Goldeneye													1ma
Bufflehead													48
Hooded Merganser													9
Common Merganser													160
Bald Eagle													2a3i
Northern Harrier													2
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1		5
Cooper's Hawk						1					1		5
Northern Goshawk								1	1				4
"Accipiter" sp.													1
Red-tailed Hawk				1		2		1	5	2			57
"Harlan's" race									1				5
Ferruginous Hawk						2							10
Rough-legged Hawk						1		1			1		24
Buteo sp.													2
Golden Eagle						2				2			5a3i
American Kestrel					1	5		1	6		3		55
Prairie Falcon						1			1				6
Ring-necked Pheasant													4
Blue Grouse		2	3	5									10
Virginia Rail													3
American Coot													55
Killdeer													15
Common Snipe													19
Ring-billed Gull									2				697
California Gull													2
Herring Gull													24
Gull sp.													3
Rock Dove				4	9	150		40	252		3	6	952
Mourning Dove													10
Eastern Screech-Owl													1
Great Horned Owl						3							27
Northern Pygmy-Owl										1			3
Long-eared Owl													1
Belted Kingfisher											1		25
Downy Woodpecker		1	4	1		1			1		4	5	44
Hairy Woodpecker		2	1	4							1	11	27
Northern Flicker													
"Red-shafted" race		1	3	3		8	1	4	12	3	31	4	221
Horned Lark													42
Steller's Jay	11	30	25	16	6	4	50	8		8	2	113	394
Blue Jay					1	2					54	13	85
Scrub Jay			3	4		27	4	12	3	7	2	9	123
Black-billed Magpie	1	18	10	10	6	26	4	27	52	14	60	20	850
American Crow	1	12	50	1		13		7			3	62	560
Common Raven	5	6	2	4	3	12	5		6			2	73
Bl.-capped Chickadee			10			14	8	24	10	3	20	41	409
Mountain Chickadee	52	75	30	15	12	2	36	5	4	5	11	92	403
Red-br. Nuthatch			2									5	11
White-br. Nuthatch	3	7	3	17			3	1		1		12	60
Pygmy Nuthatch	7	55	25	39			4			2		60	192
Brown Creeper	6			11					1	1			40
Canyon Wren						1				2			6

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 UBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WCK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Marsh Wren													3
American Dipper								2					26
Golden-cr. Kinglet							2						3
Townsend's Solitaire			10	24		9	1	4	1	18		1	112
American Robin				1		2			1	4	7		112
Water Pipit													7
Cedar Waxwing													1
Northern Shrike						1			1				12
European Starling			45		20	155		17	175	12	307	19	2004
Cape May Warbler											1ima		1ima
Rufous-sided Towhee				1		1		1		3	1	4	28
Am. Tree Sparrow					1				5		48	25	348
Song Sparrow						2		2		1			127
Lincoln's Sparrow													1
White-crowned Sparrow											4		5
Dark-eyed Junco	8	36	1					25		8	16	5	137
"White-wing." race			5	11		4				9		4	54
"Slate-color" race		20	2	1	6	2	4	5	2		23	48	147
"Oregon" race		1		4		7		70	23	15	12	49	300
"Gray-headed" race		3	25	2	1	9	30	35	4	4	15	57	236
Red-winged Blackbird		1				152			19		119		541
Western Meadowlark						11						1	41
Yellow-hd. Blackbird													1
Rusty Blackbird													9
Rosy Finch													
"Gray-crown." race												108	121
"Black" race												1	17
"Brown-capp." race													1
Pine Grosbeak													5fe
Cassin's Finch		12	5				1		3	5		45	84
House Finch		6	1	1	1	115	12	24	32	7	509	103	1139
Common Redpoll													21
Pine Siskin	17	8	30	1		14			12		35	27	198
American Goldfinch					1				3		88		146
Evening Grosbeak	26	3	4								4	29	71
House Sparrow			20	4		62	6	25	75	25	313	33	882
TOTAL SPECIES	11	17	22	22	12	34	15	21	29	22	31	27	93
RACES	0	2	2	3	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	4	8
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	137	299	319	185	68	899	171	342	850	162	2376	1014	18993

Prepared and submitted by Jack Reddall



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NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

WEDNESDAY

March 5, 1986

"Applying field ornithology to the real world--how you can make a difference"

Naturalist Dave Hallock will present a slide show and talk on amateur ornithological research projects in Boulder County, and how the results have influenced land use planning.

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NOTICE: Due to the fact that our compiler (Jack Reddall) has been out of town and will not return until mid-February, the January Field Trip Summaries will not be published until the next issue.

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SPECIAL THANKS

- To the Axtells for their fine hospitality during the visits of the Cape May Warbler. (The number of visitors/observers exceeded 200)!
- To Bob Spencer for extra printing work done for the club at very low cost.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1986

- MARCH ☒ 1, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at west gate, CCRA.*
- ☒ 2, Sunday. South Platte - Urban. Leader: Lyle Jordan (770-1033). ½ day. Meet at 8:00 A.M. South Federal, North of Belleview, west of King Soopers. Lunch optional.
- ☒ 8, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*
- ☒ 9, Sunday. Tamarack Ranch (for Sharp-tailed Grouse); Jumbo Reservoir, Muir Springs, and Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Wade Leitner (~~699-7281~~). Meet at 6:15 A.M. at the Airport Budget Motel, west side of Chambers Road, north of I-70. **699-7281**
- ☒ 15, Saturday. Cherokee Ranch, Daniels Park, Highland Ranch, McClellan Reservoir. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet 7:00 A.M. at Safeway lot, South Logan and U.S. 285.*
- ☒ 16, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Green Belt. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Lake Park, west 44th near Robb. ½ day.
- ☒ 22, Saturday. Lakes of Northwest Denver. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Sloan's Lake, West 25th Ave. and Sheridan.*
- ☒ 23, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver (936-6902). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory.*
- ☒ 29, Saturday. Bear Creek - Plains to the Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory.*
- ☒ 30, Sunday. Happy Easter!

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
(Prepared by Jack Reddall)

COLORADO STATE BIRD LIST
(As of 11-1-85)

Set forth below is a complete listing of the 441 species of birds recorded as having occurred in Colorado as of November 1, 1985. Those species appearing in CAPITAL LETTERS are considered extremely rare or accidental within the state. In addition, those underlined and earmarked with an asterisk (*), while not as rare or unusual in occurrence, pose difficult field identification problems. Therefore, all field observers are encouraged to prepare detailed, written documentation to support the sighting of one of these species. Good documentation should include: 1) size and shape, 2) general impressions of the bird, 3) description of the plumage, 4) description of the soft parts (bill, legs, feet), 6) voice, 7) actions noted about the bird, 8) age and sex, and 9) elimination of similarly appearing species (most important!). Written documentation must accompany all reported sightings of extremely rare or accidental birds (or new species for the state) as well as for those posing difficult field identification problems in order to be considered for publication in the Lark Bunting. This applies to observations made on a scheduled DFO Field Trip and those made by an individual(s) and submitted for publication under "Additional Monthly Reports". A file of all written documentation received will be maintained. Continue to send all Field Trip Reports and Individual Reports to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

RED-THROATED LOON	Tundra Swan	Common Merganser
Pacific Loon	TRUMPETER SWAN	Red-breasted Merganser
Common Loon	Gtr. White-fronted Goose	Ruddy Duck
YELLOW-BILLED LOON	Snow Goose	Turkey Vulture
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>Ross' Goose(*)</u>	Osprey
Horned Grebe	BRANT	AM. SWALLOW-TAILED KITE
RED-NECKED GREBE	Canada Goose	Mississippi Kite
Eared Grebe	Wood Duck	Bald Eagle
Western Grebe	Green-winged Teal	Northern Harrier
Clark's Grebe	AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	Sharp-shinned Hawk
American White Pelican	MOTTLED DUCK	Cooper's Hawk
BROWN PELICAN	Mallard	Northern Goshawk
Double-crested Cormorant	Northern Pintail	COMMON BLACK-HAWK
OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT	Blue-winged Teal	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
ANHINGA	Cinnamon Teal	Broad-winged Hawk
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD	Northern Shoveler	<u>Swainson's Hawk(*winter)</u>
American Bittern	Gadwall	Red-tailed Hawk
Least Bittern	EURASIAN WIGEON	Ferruginous Hawk
Great Blue Heron	American Wigeon	Rough-legged Hawk
Great Egret	Canvasback	Golden Eagle
Snowy Egret	Redhead	American Kestrel
<u>Little Blue Heron(*im)</u>	Ring-necked Duck	Merlin
TRICOLORED HERON	<u>Greater Scaup(*)</u>	Peregrine Falcon
REDDISH EGRET	Lesser Scaup	GYRFALCON
Cattle Egret	HARLEQUIN DUCK	Prairie Falcon
Green-backed Heron	Oldsquaw	Chukar
Black-crowned Night-Heron	BLACK SCOTER	Ring-necked Pheasant
<u>Yellow-cr. Night-Heron(*im)</u>	Surf Scoter	Blue Grouse
WHITE IBIS	White-Winged Scoter	White-tailed Ptarmigan
White-faced Ibis	Common Goldeneye	Sage Grouse
ROSEATE SPOONBILL	<u>Barrow's Goldeneye(*fe)</u>	Greater Prairie-Chicken
WOOD STORK	Bufflehead	Lesser Prairie-Chicken
BLACK-BELLIED WHIST. DUCK	Hooded Merganser	Sharp-tailed Grouse

Wild Turkey	LITTLE GULL	Lewis' Woodpecker
Northern Bobwhite	Bonaparte's Gull	Red-headed Woodpecker
Scaled Quail	MEW GULL	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Gambel's Quail	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker(*)
YELLOW RAIL	California Gull	Red-naped Sapsucker
BLACK RAIL	Herring Gull	Williamson's Sapsucker
KING RAIL	<u>Thayer's Gull(*adult)</u>	Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Virginia Rail	LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	Downy Woodpecker
Sora	GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL	Hairy Woodpecker
PURPLE GALLINULE	Glaucous Gull	Three-toed Woodpecker
COMMON MOORHEN	GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	Northern Flicker
American Coot	BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Sandhill Crane	ROSS' GULL	Western Wood-Pewee
<u>Whooping Crane(*plains)</u>	Sabine's Gull	EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE
Black-bellied Plover	IVORY GULL	ALDER FLYCATCHER
Lesser Golden-Plover	CASPIAN TERN	Willow Flycatcher
Snowy Plover	Common Tern	Least Flycatcher
Semipalmated Plover	ARCTIC TERN	Hammond's Flycatcher
Piping Plover	Forster's Tern	Dusky Flycatcher
Killdeer	Least Tern	Gray Flycatcher
Mountain Plover	Black Tern	Western Flycatcher
Black-necked Stilt	ANCIENT MURRELET	BLACK PHOEBE
American Avocet	MARbled MURRELET	Eastern Phoebe
Greater Yellowlegs	Rock Dove	Say's Phoebe
Lesser Yellowlegs	Band-tailed Pigeon	Vermilion Flycatcher
Solitary Sandpiper	WHITE-WINGED DOVE	#DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER
Willet	Mourning Dove	Ash-throated Flycatcher
Spotted Sandpiper	Black-billed Cuckoo	Great Crested Flycatcher
Upland Sandpiper	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Cassin's Kingbird
ESKIMO CURLEW	Greater Roadrunner	Western Kingbird
Whimbrel	GROOVE-BILLED ANI	Eastern Kingbird
Long-billed Curlew	Common Barn-Owl	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
HUDSONIAN GODWIT	Flammulated Owl	Horned Lark
Marbled Godwit	Eastern Screech-Owl	<u>Purple Martin(*plains)</u>
Ruddy Turnstone	Western Screech-Owl	Tree Swallow
Red Knot	Great Horned Owl	Violet-green Swallow
Sanderling	Snowy Owl	No. Rough-winged Swallow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Northern Pygmy-Owl	Bank Swallow
Western Sandpiper	Burrowing Owl	Cliff Swallow
Least Sandpiper	SPOTTED OWL	Barn Swallow
White-rumped Sandpiper	BARRED OWL	Gray Jay
Baird's Sandpiper	Long-eared Owl	Steller's Jay
Pectoral Sandpiper	Short-eared Owl	Blue Jay
SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER	BOREAL OWL	Scrub Jay
Dunlin	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Pinyon Jay
Stilt Sandpiper	LESSER NIGHTHAWK	Clark's Nutcracker
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	Common Nighthawk	Black-billed Magpie
RUFF	Common Poorwill	American Crow
<u>Short-billed Dowitcher(*)</u>	WHIP-POOR-WILL	Chihuahuan Raven
Long-billed Dowitcher	Black Swift	Common Raven
Common Snipe	Chimney Swift	Black-capped Chickadee
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	White-throated Swift	Mountain Chickadee
Wilson's Phalarope	BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	Plain Titmouse
Red-necked Phalarope	Magnificent Hummingbird	Bushtit
RED PHALAROPE	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Red-breasted Nuthatch
<u>Pomarine Jaeger(*im)</u>	ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	White-breasted Nuthatch
<u>Parasitic Jaeger(*im)</u>	Calliope Hummingbird	Pygmy Nuthatch
LONG-TAILED JAEGER	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Brown Creeper
LAUGHING GULL	Rufous Hummingbird	Rock Wren
Franklin's Gull	Belted Kingfisher	Canyon Wren

CAROLINA WREN	HERMIT WARBLER	LeCONTE'S SPARROW
Bewick's Wren	Black-thr. Green Warbler	SHARP-TAILED SPARROW
House Wren	Blackburnian Warbler	Fox Sparrow
Winter Wren	YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	Song Sparrow
SEDGE WREN	Grace's Warbler	Lincoln's Sparrow
Marsh Wren	PINE WARBLER	Swamp Sparrow
American Dipper	PRAIRIE WARBLER	White-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Palm Warbler	<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow(*im)</u>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>Bay-breasted Warbler(*fall)</u>	<u>White-crowned Sparrow</u>
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<u>Blackpoll Warbler(*fall)</u>	Harris' Sparrow
Eastern Bluebird	CERULEAN WARBLER	Dark-eyed Junco
Western Bluebird	Black-and-white Warbler	McCown's Longspur
Mountain Bluebird	American Redstart	Lapland Longspur
Townsend's Solitaire	PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Veery	Worm-eating Warbler	Snow Bunting
<u>Gray-cheeked Thrush(*)</u>	SWAINSON'S WARBLER	Bobolink
Swainson's Thrush	Ovenbird	Red-winged Blackbird
Hermit Thrush	Northern Waterthrush	EASTERN MEADOWLARK
WOOD THRUSH	LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	Western Meadowlark
American Robin	KENTUCKY WARBLER	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Varied Thrush	CONNECTICUT WARBLER	Rusty Blackbird
Gray Catbird	MOURNING WARBLER	Brewer's Blackbird
Northern Mockingbird	MacGillivray's Warbler	Great-tailed Grackle
Sage Thrasher	Common Yellowthroat	Common Grackle
Brown Thrasher	Hooded Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
#LONG-BILLED THRASHER	Wilson's Warbler	Orchard Oriole
BENDIRE'S THRASHER	CANADA WARBLER	Northern Oriole
Curve-billed Thrasher	PAINTED REDSTART	<u>Scott's Oriole(*plains)</u>
Water Pipit	Yellow-breasted Chat	BRAMBLING
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT	<u>Hepatic Tanager(*)</u>	Rosy Finch
Bohemian Waxwing	<u>Summer Tanager(*)</u>	Pine Grosbeak
Cedar Waxwing	<u>Scarlet Tanager(*fall)</u>	PURPLE FINCH
PHAINOPEPLA	Western Tanager	Cassin's Finch
Northern Shrike	Northern Cardinal	House Finch
Loggerhead Shrike	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Red Crossbill
European Starling	Black-headed Grosbeak	WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL
WHITE-EYED VIREO	Blue Grosbeak	Common Redpoll
Bell's Vireo	Lazuli Bunting	Pine Siskin
Gray Vireo	Indigo Bunting	Lesser Goldfinch
Solitary Vireo	PAINTED BUNTING	American Goldfinch
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	Dickcissel	Evening Grosbeak
Warbling Vireo	Green-tailed Towhee	House Sparrow
<u>Philadelphia Vireo(*)</u>	Rufous-sided Towhee	
Red-eyed Vireo	Brown Towhee	
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	Cassin's Sparrow	
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	
Tennessee Warbler	American Tree Sparrow	
Orange-crowned Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	
Nashville Warbler	Clay-colored Sparrow	
Virginia's Warbler	Brewer's Sparrow	
LUCY'S WARBLER	Field Sparrow	
Northern Parula	Vesper Sparrow	
Yellow Warbler	Lark Sparrow	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Black-throated Sparrow	
Magnolia Warbler	<u>Sage Sparrow(*plains)</u>	
<u>Cape May Warbler(*fall)</u>	<u>Lark Bunting</u>	
Black-thr. Blue Warbler	Savannah Sparrow	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	BAIRD'S SPARROW	
Black-thr. Gray Warbler	Grasshopper Sparrow	
Townsend's Warbler	HENSLOW'S SPARROW	

#Unquestionably should be dropped from the State List. Specimens supposedly secured within Colorado are obviously mislabeled. Sight Records open to question.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS FROM 35th SUPPLEMENT TO THE A.O.U. CHECK-LIST OF NORTH
AMERICAN BIRDS

(The Auk 102: 680-686)

For those interested in keeping their A.O.U. area Check-Lists as current as possible, listed below are the latest updates to the A.O.U. CHECK-LIST-6th Edition, 1983 as published in the 35th Supplement (for the United States and Canada=North America only).

NEW SPECIES ADDED (11):

PACIFIC LOON-Gavia pacifica (split from ARCTIC LOON-Gavia arctica)
CLARK'S GREBE-Aechmophorus clarkii (split from WESTERN GREBE-Aechmophorus occidentalis)
WESTERN REEF-HERON-Egretta gularis
NORTHERN HOBBY-Falco subbuteo
BLACK-WINGED STILT-Himantopus himantopus
GREEN SANDPIPER-Tringa ocropus
RED-NAPE SAPSUCKER-Sphyrapicus nuchalis (split from YELLOW-BELLIED SAP-
SUCKER-Sphyrapicus varius)
BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN-Phaeoprogne tapera
EURASIAN JACKDAW-Corvus monedula
LANCEOLATED WARBLER-Locustella lanceolata
RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL-Tarsiger cyanurus

ENGLISH NAME CHANGE:

AMERICAN BLACK OYSTERCATCHER changed to BLACK OYSTERCATCHER

The additions bring the total of United States and Canada (=North America) to 853 species for the A.O.U. Check-List. The 6th Edition was expanded to cover Bermuda, the West Indies and Middle America (Mexico through Panama) and Hawaii. The species from this expanded area are not included in the total of 853.

If you are interested in the American Birding Association Checklist area, the total number of species currently stands at 846 (through the 1985 Supplement to the A.B.A. CHECKLIST-2nd Edition). Interestingly, the A.O.U. lists 15 species that are not on the latest A.B.A. listing, while A.B.A. includes 8 species not listed by A.O.U., thus the current difference of 7 (853 A.O.U. vs. 846 A.B.A.). Most of the differences stem from acceptance rules. A.O.U. does not accept Sight Records only. A.B.A. closely scrutinizes the origin of accidentals and exotics while exercising tight "establishment" criteria for introduced and escaped species (see A.B.A. CHECKLIST-2nd Edition, page 7).

A.B.A. SPECIES NOT ON A.O.U. (8)

Black-browed Albatross
Stejneger's Petrel
Black-tailed Gull
Large-billed Tern
Cuban Emerald
Thick-billed Vireo
Stonechat
Crescent-chested Warbler

A.O.U. SPECIES NOT ON A.B.A. (15)

Pacific Loon
Clark's Grebe
Great Frigatebird
Lesser White-fronted Goose
Band-tailed Gull
Rose-winged Parakeet
Monk Parakeet
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Red-naped Sapsucker
Brown-chested Martin
Eurasian Jackdaw
Eurasian Blackbird
Worthen's Sparrow
Common Chaffinch
European Goldfinch



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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

April 1, 1986

"The Tree Swallow: Its Breeding Biology and Population Dynamics" - A videotape production reporting on studies of tree swallow colonies on the Eastern Slope from Nederland to Central City. Presented by Bob Cohen, Professor of Biology at Metro State College.

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JANUARY 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

JANUARY 4, Saturday. Urban South Platte River and BowMar (SPBM). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Irma Appलगren, Warren Finch, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Holly Miller, Debby O'Brien, Don & Jo Shrode. (Mostly clear; wind, calm; 21-32°). 15 miles by car, ½ mile on foot. 5 hours. (26 species, 4292 individuals).

5, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Chuck Aid, Bob Albrecht, Dan Bridges, Ron Carter, Lori Chappell, Warren Finch, Al Hay, Julie Hofmann, Randy Lentz, Dick Schottler, Nel Stallings, Rob Wilson. (Clear becoming mostly cloudy; wind SW 5-15 MPH; 29-47°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (39 species, 2085 individuals).

- JANUARY 11, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Lori Chappell, Virginia Edens, Hilda Eichenberger, Warren Finch, Jack Humphries, Ben Moore. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 40-60°). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (35 species, 3341 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Chatfield State Park & McClellan Reservoir (CHAT). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Bill & Sylvia Brockner, Jay Doyle, Richard Hale, Dee Hay, Jean Maguire, Vicki Pliler, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed. (Clear, 26-55°). 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6½ hours. (32 species, 651 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BELT). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Vi & Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Bill Brockner, Ron Carter, Nevin Corl, Jay Doyle, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Bob Jickling, Hazel Kellogg, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Mort Staatz, Doug Ward, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind strong; 30-60°). 8 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6½ hours. (38 species, 809 individuals).
- 19, Sunday. Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ron Carter, Clay Hardy, Hugh Ravatt, Joe & Norma Shwed. (Partly cloudy; wind light; 35-50°). 23 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours. (31 species, 282 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Boulder area: Baseline Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Pond, Enchanted Mesa (BOLDER). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: David Balogh, Ron Carter, Tammy Dziadek, Hilda Eichenberger, Phil Hayes, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Hal Rupp, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Jean Thompson, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind NW 0-10 MPH; 25-40°). 22 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6½ hours. (38 species, 859 individuals).
- 26, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Victor Fondy (Anchorage, Alaska), John Hannum, Barbara Jones, Time Katers, Judy Miller, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. (Clear; wind calm; 40°). 1 mile on foot. 3 hours. (12 species, 125 individuals).

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	4 SPBM PLNS	5 CCRA PLNS	11 BARR PLNS	12 CHAT PLNS	18 BELT PLNS	19 BEAR PLNS	25 BOLDER PLN FH	26 RRP FHL
Common Loon				1				
Pied-billed Grebe				1			1	
Great Blue Heron	2	1					3	
Black-crowned Night Heron					1			
Canada Goose	2930	100	200	190	250	25	185	
Wood Duck					1			
Green-winged Teal	6	45			2			
Mallard	821	700	2500	6	27	18		
Northern Pintail	3	1m1f	50					
Northern Shoveler	11		30				2	
Gadwall	40	1ma					4	
American Wigeon	39	1ma	50		16		35	
Redhead		1m1f		4	7		36	
Ring-necked Duck				10	200		58	
Greater Scaup					1			
Lesser Scaup	8			5	15		5	
Common Goldeneye	7	1ma	5	10	19	9	16	
Bufflehead				1				
Hooded Merganser	10			2	1		14	
Common Merganser	10	350	3	90	21	2	75	
Red-breasted Merganser					6			
Bald Eagle			1a1i					
Northern Harrier		1ma	1m2f					
Cooper's Hawk		1ad						
Red-tailed Hawk			1	2			2	
"Western" races		5			1	1		
"Harlan's" race		1				1		

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Ferruginous Hawk		1ad	4					
Rough-legged Hawk		1	11			1	1	
Golden Eagle								1
American Kestrel	2	2	4	3		1	2	
Prairie Falcon			1					
Virginia Rail		8		1-H				
American Coot	9		20	26	9		130	
Killdeer	1	7	1		2			
Greater Yellowlegs					1			
Common Snipe		7				12		
Ring-billed Gull	208	250		178	13	1	55	
Herring Gull	7	25		11			6	
Rock Dove	76	100	30		31	15	45	25
Great Horned Owl		8ad	2		1	1		
Long-eared Owl		6ad						
Belted Kingfisher	3		1ma	1	2	2		
Downy Woodpecker			2ma	1		1		
"Batchelder's" race		1ma						
eastern races		3						
Northern Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	2	7	4		8	12	4	
Horned Lark			100	15		15		
Steller's Jay								3
Blue Jay					1		4	
Scrub Jay								6
Black-billed Magpie	14	50	35	29	61	13	7	4
American Crow	10				1	1	18	5
Common Raven						1		2
Black-capped Chickadee		2	6	18	7	2	4	2
Mountain Chickadee								11
White-breasted Nuthatch				1				2
Brown Creeper				2	5	1		1
American Dipper				2	2	2		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			
Townsend's Solitaire								
American Robin		2					1	5
Northern Shrike		1		1		60	2	
European Starling	64	150	25	10	23	21	35	
Common Yellowthroat *					16e			
American Tree Sparrow		12	20	21		6		
Song Sparrow		8	3	3	7	4	1	
White-crowned Sparrow							2	
Dark-eyed Junco				3				
"White-winged" race							1	
"Slate-colored" race				1	1		6	2
"Oregon" race	1	8	6	1	2	11	6	3
"Gray-headed" race					6	1		3
Lapland Longspur			20					
Red-winged Blackbird		100	125	1	41			
Western Meadowlark			9					
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1						
Rosy Finch								
"Gray-crowned" race								54
"Black" race								6
House Finch	6	60	25		7	13	22	4
Common Redpoll			1m46					
Pine Siskin						4	9	

JANUARY	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26
AREA	.SPBM.	CCRA.	BARR.	CHAT.	BELT.	BEAR.	BOLDER.	RRP.
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FHL
American Goldfinch		4	1-H		2	12		
Evening Grosbeak						3		
House Sparrow	2	50	40		6	10	40	
TOTAL SPECIES - 76	26.	39.	35.	31.	38.	31.	38	12.

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JANUARY 1986 ADDITIONAL REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Common Loon 1-9 (1) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (AH).
Eurasian Wigeon 1-27 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (AH, WL). No details; however this bird (a male) was apparently seen by a number of observers. Less than 10 verified records for Colorado.
 Oldsquaw 1-16 (1 male) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (WL).
 White-winged Scoter 1-16 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (WL).
 Golden Eagle 1-18 (1 adult, 1 immature) Plains Conservation Center, Arapahoe Co. (VE).
 Merlin ("Richardson's" race) 1-29 (1) 15 Cherry St., Denver (TS).
 Prairie Falcon 1-18 (1) Plains Conservation Center (VE).
 Bonaparte's Gull 1-16 (5 adults, 5 immatures) Pueblo Reservoir (WL).
 Black-legged Kittiwake 1-16 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (WL).
 Northern Pygmy-Wol 1-31 (1) 18th & Washington, Golden, Jefferson Co. (WF, DS).
 Long-eared Owl 1-18 thru 1-20 (1) Plains Conservation Center (VE).
 Bohemian Waxwing 1-6 (75) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Cedar Waxwing 1-21 (9) Ralston Creek east of Miller St., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH).
 Common Redpoll 1-19 (10) approx. 5 miles northeast of Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co.

CONTRIBUTORS: Virginia Edens (VE), Warren Finch (WF), Alan Hay (AH), Wade Leitner (WL), Jack Reddall (JR), Dick Schottler (DS), Ted Stockmar (TS).

BARR LAKE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - DECEMBER 28, 1985

PARTICIPANTS: Bob Andrews, Chris Barken, John Bregar, Alexander Cruz, Alex Cruz, Warren Finch, Tina Jones, Jackie King, Diane Larson, Steve Larson, Tor Nylander, Jack Reddall, Dr. J.V. Remsen, Jr. (compiler), Judy Ward.

SPECIES: 57 INDIVIDUALS: 38,552.

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-tailed Hawk - 18*, Rough-legged Hawk - 53*, Merlin - 6*, Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1*, Great Horned Owl - 12*, Long-eared Owl - 3*, Horned Lark - 11,845*, House Sparrow - 2,100*, Brewer's Blackbird - 43*, Common Grackle - 7*, Common Redpoll - 8*, Lapland Longspur - 1340*, Snow Bunting - 2, Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1.

* - All-time high count
 # - New species for count

FEBRUARY 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

FEBRUARY 1, Saturday. West Plum Creek, Sedalia, Castlewood Canyon State Park (CWC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Vi & Henry Bossman, Hilda Eichenberger, Dick Guadagno, Al Hay, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Dick Pratt, John & Marge Sanden, Mort Staatz, Jean Thompson, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; warm). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (31 species, 254 individuals).
 2, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (W/F). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Dave & Terri Balogh, Virginia Bleck, Lori Chappell, Ila Clark, Don & Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Clear; wind N 0-5 MPH; 33-55°). 2 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 4 hours. (26 species, 790 individuals).

- FEBRUARY 8, Saturday. Evergreen area (EVER). Leader: Bill Brockner. Observer: Ron Carter. (Wind calm; 1-12°). 28 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (16 species, 88 individuals)
- 9, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull. Trip cancelled due to cold weather.
- 15, Saturday. Feeder Tour. Leader: Bob Spencer. No report received.
- 16, Sunday. Boulder area: Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, Marshall, Superior (BLDR). Leader: Tina Jones. Observers: Pam Curella, Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Evans, Randy Lentz, Jim & Marion Saunders. (Mostly clear; wind, gusts to 50-70 MPH; 35-40°). 38 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 4½ hours. (23 species, 552 individuals).
- 21, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Roggen, Orchard, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Mostly clear; wind variable 0-15 MPH; 20-45°). 229 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9½ hours. (47 species, 3317 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Ron Carter, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Randy Lentz, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Betty & Harold Oliver, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; wind 10-20 MPH; 35-60°). 19 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (30 species, 529 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. Bear Creek (BEAR). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Hugh Ravatt, Vito Tursi. (Cloudy; wind moderate; 40-55°). 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4½ hours. (21 species, 170 individuals).

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	1 CWC P/F	2 W/F PLN	8 EVER MTNS	16 BLDR PLNS	21 NECO PLNS	22 CHAT PLNS	23 BEAR PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe		1				1	
Great Blue Heron				4	1	1	
Canada Goose		18		98	425	181	11
Green-winged Teal					50	15	
Mallard	2	190		15	135	35	15
Northern Pintail				2m2f	45	6	
Northern Shoveler				1ma			
Gadwall				5m4f	4		8
American Wigeon				50	8		2
Redhead						40	
Ring-necked Duck				102		6	
Lesser Scaup					4m1f		
Common Goldeneye		9		9m4f	40	12	
Bufflehead						2	
Hooded Merganser				3m4f			
Common Merganser		3		40	120		
Bald Eagle	1				2a1i	1im	
Northern Harrier					2ma		
Red-tailed Hawk				1			
"Western" races	2	1			1	2	1
"Harlan's" race					1		
Ferruginous Hawk					2ad		
Rough-legged Hawk	1				15		
Golden Eagle	1				1im		
American Kestrel	1		1	2ma	3	8	1
Prairie Falcon					1		
Ring-necked Pheasant					5fe		
American Coot		1		21	45	1	

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	1 CWC P/F	2 W/F PLN	8 EVER MTNS	16 BLDR PLNS	21 NECO PLNS	22 CHAT PLNS	23 BEAR PLNS
Killdeer						1-H	
Common Snipe							6
Ring-billed Gull		63		73	850	19	
Herring Gull		1		6	60		
Thayer's Gull					1im		
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>					2im		
Rock Dove	10	77		2	10	3	2
Great Horned Owl	1				2ad	8	1
Belted Kingfisher		1			2	2	1
Lewis' Woodpecker	3						
Downy Woodpecker	2	2fe	1			3	
eastern races					1ma		
Hairy Woodpecker			1				
Northern Flicker						4	
"Red-shafted" race	2	8			4		12
Horned Lark					650		
Steller's Jay	2		1				
Blue Jay					1		
Scrub Jay	15						
Black-billed Magpie	20	106		3	40	12	23
American Crow	62		31	2		2	
Common Raven	3		4	3			
Black-capped Chickadee	15	11	1		14	19	6
Mountain Chickadee	4	6	6				
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	2		1		
Pygmy Nuthatch			6				
Brown Creeper		5					
American Dipper			1				1
Townsend's Solitaire	2						
American Robin	6	1			25		3
Cedar Waxwing					100		
Northern Shrike						1	
Loggerhead Shrike							1
European Starling	20	86	16	92	120	39	24
Rufous-sided Towhee	12						
American Tree Sparrow	6	18			20	20	
Song Sparrow	1	13			8		1
White-crowned Sparrow					15		
Harris' Sparrow					1im		
Dark-eyed Junco		10	5				
"Slate-colored" race	1				3	2	
"Oregon" race		24			10	3	
"Gray-headed" race	4						
Red-winged Blackbird	12				210	79	35
<u>Eastern Meadowlark</u>					15		
<u>Western Meadowlark</u>				1		1	1
Cassin's Finch			6				
House Finch	12	75	2		25		
Pine Siskin	12		4				
American Goldfinch	10	1-H			15		15
House Sparrow	6	57		3	200		
TOTAL SPECIES - 72	31	26	16	23	47	30	21

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FEBRUARY 1986 ADDITIONAL REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler);

Horned Grebe 2-7 & 2-8 (2) Sloan's Lake, Denver (PE).
Greater White-fronted Goose 2-22 (1) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB).
Snow Goose 2-22 (3000 "White" form & 5 "Blue" form) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (DB).
Barrow's Goldeneye 2-23 (1 male) Henry's Lake, West Quincy Ave., Jefferson Co. (WF).
Bald Eagle 2-22 (5 adults, 9 immatures) Haystack Mountain area, Boulder Co. (TJ).
Northern Goshawk 2-11 (1 adult feeding on a duck) Washington Park, Denver (TJ).
Golden Eagle 2-22 (1 immature) Haystack Mountain area (TJ); 2-22 (1 adult, 1 immature) Rabbit Mountain, Lyons, Boulder Co. (TJ).
Merlin 2-24 (1, "Richardson's" race) 15 Cherry St., Denver (TS).
Prairie Falcon 2-10 (1) Speer Blvd. & I-25, Denver (PE).
Virginia Rail 2-24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH).
Greater Yellowlegs 2-24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).
Common Snipe 2-1 (2) Chatfield Arboretum, Jefferson, Co. (TJ).
Laughing Gull 2-2 through 2-15 (1, first winter bird) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (WL, DW, JW) - Minimal written details submitted.
California Gull 2-2 through 2-15 (2-5 adults, 1-2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, WL); 2-14 (1 adult) Washington Park, Denver (TJ).
Thayer's Gull 2-2 through 2-15 (3-9 adults, 2-8 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, WL).
ICELAND GULL A first state record for Colorado. First found by Wade Leitner on January 22, 1986. Observed again on Jan 26 and Feb 4. One adult. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Excellent written details submitted. Description suggests "Kumlien's" race (*Larus glaucoideus kumlieni*). Details will be sent out-of-state to individuals experienced with the intricacies of field identification of Thayer's and Iceland Gulls and possible hybrids for (hopefully) confirmation.
Glaucous Gull 2-2 through 2-22 (1-3 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (LH, WL); 2-15 (1) Chatfield State Park Jefferson Co. (PE).
Greater Roadrunner 2-23 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
Northern Pygmy-Owl 2-1 through 2-19 (1) vicinity of 18th & Washington, Golden, Jefferson Co. (WF).
Northern Saw-whet Owl 2-1 (1) Boulder (LH, WL).
Lewis' Woodpecker 2-23 (2) along Plum Creek at Jackson Creek Rd., Douglas Co. (WF).
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2-23 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
Mountain Bluebird 2-27 (1 male) at saddle on Grapevine Rd. between Idledale and I-70, Jefferson Co. (AH).
Sage Thrasher 2-23 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
Brown Thrasher 2-7 (1) at suet feeder, 1201 N. Ford St., Golden, Jefferson Co. (AB, DM) - seen daily since 12-20-85.
Lapland Longspur 2-10 (6) Co. Rds. 4 & 55 Weld Co. (AH).
Snow Bunting 2-10 (2) Co. Rds. 4 & 55, Weld Co. (AH).
Rosy Finch 2-7 (200) at feeder, 1201 N. Ford St., Golden (AB, DM).
Common Redpoll 2-10 (12) Co. Rds. 2 & 45, Weld Co. (AH).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - APRIL 1986

- APRIL 5, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:30 am in Boulder at the Pancake House lot (SE corner of Baseline & Broadway). Carpool at 6:45 am at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church south lot, 38th & Wadsworth.*
- 6, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Ron Carter. (757-1425). Meet at 6:30 am at West Gate.*
- 12, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:00 am at Prospect Park, (W. 44th, west of Kipling near Robb).*

APRIL 13, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: John Bregar (741-3941). Meet at 6:00 am at Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, north lot.*

19, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Frank & Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 7:30 am inside the park at Deer Creek picnic area lot, or carpool at 7:15 am at Bear Creek Shopping Center, southwest corner opposite Burlington Coat Factory.*

20, Sunday. Windsor Lake - Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Don & Jo Shrode (391-1544). Meet at 7:00 am at Mortuary Lot on Quebec, south of Alameda. ½ day.

26, Saturday. Pawnee Grasslands. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:00 am at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*

27, Sunday. Bear Creek Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 am Daylight Savings Time, at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest corner - opposite Burlington Coat Factory.*

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Picnic and dusk bird walk at Cherry Creek State Recreation Area. Meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Group Picnic Area (located at the east end of the park, on the north side of Cherry Creek). NO MEETING AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY!

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CORRECTION

Please note the following corrections to Volume 21, Number 6 (March 1986) of the Lark Bunting: On the February 21 Field Trip to Northeastern Colorado the two immature Lesser Black-backed Gulls should have been reported as Glaucous Gulls. Likewise, the 15 Eastern Meadowlarks should have been listed as Western Meadowlarks.

MARCH 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

MARCH 1, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Vi &

MARCH 1(cont.)

- Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Lori Chappell, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Ardith Hunter, Randy Lentz, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Dick Pautsch, Jack Reddall, Karen Ringsby, Don & Jo Shrode, Ann Southcott, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 33-68°). 12 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (30 species, 458 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Urban South Platte River - Belleview to Alameda (USP). Leader: Lyle Jordan. Observers: Patty Hodgins, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; wind calm; 32-54°). 10 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 4 hours. (20 species, 282 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: McClellan Reservoir; Henry's Lake; Red Rocks Park; Boulder (Baseline & Valmont Reservoirs); Haystack Mountain; Union Reservoir; Boyd Lake; Horse Shoe Lake; Fort Collins (cemetery); Severance; Latham Reservoir; Barr Lake S.P.; Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOL). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear in A.M., cloudy in P.M.; wind variable, 0-10 MPH; 32-64°). 280 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12 hours. (72 species, 33,412 individuals).
- 4, Tuesday. Southcentral Colorado: Lathrop S.P.; Burnt Mill Road; Pueblo Reservoir (including riparian area one mile below dam along Arkansas River); Pueblo Nature Center (SCCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind variable 0-5 MPH; 29-72°). 360 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours. (51 species, 2102 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Mary Beer, Peggy Gonder and Jeff, Patty Hodgins, Billie & Estes Howe, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Payne, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast becoming sunny; wind 5-20 MPH; 45-60°). 60 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. (26 species, 327 individuals).
- 9, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA; Red Lion SWA; Jumbo Reservoir; Sterling (cemetery); Prewitt Reservoir; Bijow Reservoir (NCCO). Leader: Wade Leitner. Observers: Ann Bonnell, Dan Bridges, Ron Carter, Hans Feddern, Warren Finch, Virginia Edens, Alan Hay, Randy Lentz, David Martin, Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Bob Richter, Bob Spencer. (Partly cloudy in A.M. turning cloudy in P.M. with thunderstorms; wind NW, 10-15 MPH increasing in P.M. to 25-35 MPH; 47-63°). 362 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12½ hours. (60 species, 26,143 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. Daniels Park, Cherokee Ranch, McClellan Reservoir, Hyland Ranch (DP). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: JoAnn Bushnell, Lori Chappell, Phil Hayes, Alan & Dee Hay, Ed Holub, Kris Joy, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind NW, 0-4 MPH; 30-50°). 60 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (48 species, 373 individuals).
- 16, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WG). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Dave & Teri Balogh, Virginia Edens, Mel Gabel, Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay, Dick Pautsch, Joe & Norma Shwed, Vito Tursi. (Overcast; wind calm; 34-55°). ½ mile by car, 4 miles on foot. 4 hours. (31 species, 302 individuals).
- 22, Saturday. North Denver Lakes including Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (NDL). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ron Carter, Hilda Eichenberger, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Ethel & Jack Humphries, Jean Maguire, Diana Mullineaux, Bill Payne, Jack Reddall, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Jean Thompson, Vito Tursi. (Overcast; wind 0-5 MPH; 45-58°). 41 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6½ hours. (44 species, 1531 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. Chatfield State Park & McClellan Reservoir (C/M). Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver. Observers: Terry & Susan Bisbee, Bob & Dea Brayden, Ron Carter, Lori Chappell, Dan & Mary Lazlo, Mike Chris & Amy Martin, Judy Miller, Hal Rupp, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe & Norma Shwed, George & Sets Takeno, Vito Tursi, Wayne & Marylou Upton. (Clear; wind 1-6 MPH; 40-76°). 18 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 6 hours. (41 species, 843 individuals).
- 24, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Ft. Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (including "Pelican Refuges"), Orchard, Prospect Reservoir (NECO).

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Observer: Jack Reddall. (High overcast; wind variable 0-5 MPH; 40-66°). 253 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours. (67 species, 9312 individuals).

29, Saturday. Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Christine Ayona, Irma Ayona, Juan Ayona, Irma Appelgren, Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Henry & Vi Bossman, Dodee Dickerson, Phil Hayes, Augusta Holland, Hazel Kellogg, Hugh Ravatt, Tim Schowalter, Don & Jo Shrode, Justina Soto, Vito Tursi, Claude Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind light; 60-75°). 25 miles by car, 3½ miles on foot. 5½ hours. (30 species, 200 individuals)

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Pied-billed Grebe			1		1						1	
Horned Grebe	4		29		7	1	20		13	68	12	4
Western Grebe			4						11	3		
Double-crested Cormorant										5	3	
Great Blue Heron						1			3	62	4	
Snow Goose												
"White" form			30			8076						
"Blue" form			1			53						
Ross' Goose											2ad	
Canada Goose	2	68	11700		4	5000	12	27	162	78	90	24
Wood Duck			1ma				1				1m1f	
Green-winged Teal	15	1	20			125		12	6		150	
Mallard	52	28	4000	15	9	2000	21	72	119	24	860	14
Northern Pintail	6		2500		16	750					1500	
Blue-winged Teal						1ma					8	
Cinnamon Teal				2ma							5	
Northern Shoveler	3		110		6				180	1	2000	
Gadwall		20	150	4	4	20	11	22	25	11	325	2
American Wigeon	5	55	100			25	16	12	63	7	70	4
Canvasback			4ma			26	1		46e		15	
Redhead	3	5	10000	4ma	65	4000	30	1	64	85	200	
Ring-necked Duck			20			10			37	19	15	
Greater Scaup						1fe						
Lesser Scaup		1	230	4ma	4	200	7	14	53	15	480	
Common Goldeneye	2	10	25	6		300	6	15	5	24		1
Barrow's Goldeneye			1m1f									
Bufflehead			5m3f	1ma		2ma	2		11	24	15	
Hooded Merganser			4m8f				7		2	6		
Common Merganser	3		170	10	6	500	2		11	11	50	
Red-breasted Merganser			3ma				2		1fe	2	1ma	
Ruddy Duck						1ma				2	10	
Bald Eagle			3a2i			8a2i					1ad	
Northern Harrier			1m1f			5					2m1f	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1ad		1ad						1
Cooper's Hawk				1ad		1ad						
Red-tailed Hawk	1						5		1	6		
"Western" races			8	25		11					7	
"Harlan's" race											1	
"Krider's" race											1	
Ferruginous Hawk	1		1ad	1		3					1ad	
Rough-legged Hawk			8	3	1	16	1			2	11	
Golden Eagle							1			1	1im	2
American Kestrel	1		7			11	1		2	7	13	6
Prairie Falcon			1			1						
Ring-necked Pheasant	10		1			7					2m2f	
Northern Bobwhite						3						
Virginia Rail	6							1				

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American Coot		3	300	20	2		32	8	55	215	50	
Killdeer	1		2	2	1	3	4	2	6	2	30	2
Greater Yellowlegs											2	
Baird's Sandpiper											5	
Common Snipe	3							1				6
Bonaparte's Gull											1im	
Ring-billed Gull	266	16	1500	500		4100	1	3	76	15	250	5
California Gull			4			125	2		5		35	
Herring Gull	1		50	1		50	2		3		40	
Thayer's Gull			1ad			1im					1im	
Glaucous Gull			1im			1a2i						
Rock Dove		35	40	10		30	13	5	254	11	15	6
Mourning Dove											1	2
Greater Roadrunner				1								
Eastern Screech-Owl								1	1			
Great Horned Owl	1		2ad			1ad				2	3ad	2
Short-eared Owl			1									
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1									
Belted Kingfisher		1		1ma				1		1		4
Lewis' Woodpecker			1	1								
Downy Woodpecker	4			1-H	3		2	2				
eastern races			1								1m36	
Hairy Woodpecker						1	2			1		
"Rocky Mountain" race			2	1					1			
Northern Flicker	8					5	6		3			
"Red-shafted" race		3	7	10				7		7	17	6
Horned Lark			2	4	4	10	11				160	
Steller's Jay							6					
Blue Jay			3			1	1		1		5	
Scrub Jay			8	1			8					
Black-billed Magpie	12	10	50	55	17	40	10	17	21	26	35	12
American Crow	2	2	50	16		2	5	1	4	1	1	1
Common Raven			3	6		1	27		2			
Black-capped Chickadee			4	2	5	4	2	7	4	16	18	12
Mountain Chickadee			2	4			6					
Plain Titmouse				2								
Bushtit				1								
White-breasted Nuthatch			1				3		1		1	
Brown Creeper				1				1		1		1
Bewick's Wren				1								
Marsh Wren											2	
American Dipper				2				1				
Eastern Bluebird						16e						
Western Bluebird							8					
Mountain Bluebird			1ma	28		10	14		6		1	
Townsend's Solitaire			2	50		2	1					
American Robin	4	1	10	1100	3	100	8	6	21	9	200	31
Sage Thrasher											2	
Cedar Waxwing						25					250	
Northern Shrike						1ad		1				
Loggerhead Shrike				1							1	
European Starling	12	14	750	50	48	25	15	11	139	47	450	22
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	2ma			6					
American Tree Sparrow	3		2		5	6						
Song Sparrow	4	2	6	10	4			11	1	5	5	7
White-crowned Sparrow			1								35	

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Dark-eyed Junco							3					
"White-winged" race							2				1	
"Slate-colored" race					4		2					
"Oregon" race				6	2	3	2		4	8		1
"Gray-headed" race			4				2	2				
Red-winged Blackbird	22	5	1100	60	78	350	3	30	76	3	1200	6
Western Meadowlark	1		7	2	2	35	5		11	9	350	6
Yellow-headed Blackbird			1m16									
Brewer's Blackbird											35	
Common Grackle			1								10	6
House Finch			85	10		5	10	1	13		15	2
Pine Siskin			40	1		2	3					
American Goldfinch			6	1	7					1		
Evening Grosbeak			5	31								
House Sparrow		2	200	30	19	35		7	50		220	2
TOTAL SPECIES - 106	30	20	72	51	26	60	48	31	44	41	67	30

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Males=ma,m; Females=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immatures=im,i; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FH,F.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

American White Pelican 3-29 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 3-28 (1) Lena Gulch, Lakewood (JV)
 Snow Goose 3-14 (250 "White" forms, 3 "Blue" forms) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR); 3-27 (5000 "White" forms, 5 "Blue" forms) Jumbo Reservoir (JC)
 Cinnamon Teal 3-24 (4 males) 95th Street at Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. (AH)
 Eurasian Wigeon 3-16 (1 male) Carbody Lake, Greeley, Weld Co. (JC). Written documentation submitted.
 Barrow's Goldeneye 3-13 (1 male) Colorado River, Granby, Grand Co. (PE)
 Cooper's Hawk 3-27 (1 immature) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JC)
 Golden Eagle 3-23 (3 immatures) Buckley Rd. at E. 72nd Ave., Adams Co. (AS)
 Virginia Rail 3-29 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC)
 Baird's Sandpiper 3-24 (1) Gaynor Lake, Boulder Co. (AH)
 Mew Gull 3-6 through 3-15 (1 adult, winter plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (WL, m.ob.). Detailed written documentation (JR)
 Thayer's Gull 3-14 (1, first winter immature) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Glaucous Gull 3-14 (1 adult) Bijou Reservoir (JR)
 Mourning Dove 3-18 (?) 7th St. & Milwaukee, Denver (HK)
 Common Barn-Owl 3-15 (1) abandoned Sky Ranch Airport, 1/2 mile northeast of Himalaya St. & I-70, Adams Co. (AS); 3-19 (1) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC)
 Eastern Screech-Owl 3-17 through 3-29 (1); 3-21 & 3-31 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH)
 Long-eared Owl 3-3 (1) Standley Lake Open Space, Jefferson Co. (AH)
 White-throated Swift 3-11 (6) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (JR)
 Hairy Woodpecker one pair all month in yard 2695 Newland St., Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (PE)
 Tree Swallow 3-12 (15) South Platte River upstream from Chatfield Reservoir (DB)
 Pinyon Jay 3-11 (150) intersection of Douglas Co. Rds. 11 & 51 (JR)
 Bushtit 3-11 (2) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (JR)
 Marsh Wren 3-14 (1, singing) Muir Springs Park (JR)
 Sage Thrasher 3-14 (1) Co. Rd. 3 at Colo. Hwy. 52, Morgan Co. (JR); 3-23 (1) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR)
 Cedar Waxwing 3-14 (400) Muir Springs Park (JR)
 Fox Sparrow 3-30 (1) Horse Creek Reservoir, Adams Co. (DB)
 Harris' Sparrow 3-14 (1 immature) Muir Springs Park (JR)
 Rusty Blackbird 3-1 (1) Chatfield State Park (HK)
 Common Grackle 3-23 (?) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK)

Red Crossbill 3-14 (1 male) Muir Springs Park (JR)
Lesser Goldfinch 3-6 through 3-9 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order, and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage, if possible, and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. IMPORTANT: Send your additional reports to: Jack Reddall
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - MAY 1986:

- MAY 3, Saturday. Rigli Ranch and plains. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at 7:00 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, north lot, or at 7:45 AM at the Pepperpod in Hudson.*
- 4, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool on your own at 6:45 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, W. 38th Ave. & Wadsworth. Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Pancake House lot, southeast corner Baseline & Broadway. ½ day.
- 9-11, Friday-Sunday. Joint trip with Pueblo group to Cheyenne Bottoms (Kansas) Waterfowl Management Area near Great Bend - a great birding area. Leader: David Silverman, Rye, Co. Camp near refuge or stay in motel in Great Bend. For details call Ruth Wheeler at 455-3924 or Bob Spencer at 279-4682.

SPRING COUNT 1986

10, Saturday.

Chatfield State Park, Frank & Jan Justice, 936-4547. Call leader.

Waterton, Hugh Kingery, 333-0161. Meet at 6:00 AM, Park & Ride, US 285 and S. Wadsworth or 6:15 AM at Waterton Bridge.

Bear Creek State Park, Mary Jane Schock, 922-3144. Meet at 6:30 AM at southwest section of Bear Valley Shopping Center, US 285 and S. Sheridan Blvd.

Red Rocks Park, Ann Bonnell, 979-6211. Meet at 6:30 AM, Trading Post in Red Rocks Park.

11, Sunday.

Barr Lake, Dick Schottler, 985-0579. Strenuous all-day ten mile hike around the lake. Meet 6:00 AM at Barr Lake State Park entrance station.

Castlewood State Recreation Area, Paul Rechel, 688-6255. Meet at 7:00 AM, Texaco station Franktown.

Cherry Creek Recreation Area, Bob Richter, 692-8529. Meet at 6:30 AM, west entrance to Cherry Creek Recreation Area.

Barr periphery, Walt Bull, 751-1032. Meet at 6:30 AM at Bromley Lane and Picadilly Road.

COMPILER: Kathy Hawkins, 6860-D E. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80224. Leaders please turn in trip reports to Kathy.

- MAY 17-18, Sat & Sun. C.F.O. Convention. Colorado Springs. 17th - field trips to Fountain Creek Area: 1) Hannah Ranch & Hanover Rd. 2) Big Johnson Reservoir & Hanover Rd. 18th - field trips 1) Brush Hollow & Temple Canyon (Penrose and Canyon City area) 2) Arkansas Valley Reservoirs, south & east of Pueblo. Call trip coordinators for information.
- ✓ 17, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir, Highline Canal, Daniels Park. Leader: Don & Jo Shrode (31-1544). Meet 7:30 AM at Safeway lot, US 285 (Hampden) & S. Logan.*
- ✓ 18, Sunday. Northeast Colorado. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 AM at Airport Budget Motel, west side of Chambers Rd., north of I-70.*
- ✓ 24, Saturday. Longmont - Loveland Area. Leader: Bill Prather (1-776-2191). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Jim Hamm (Farr) Refuge on west side of County Line Road South of HWY. 66, near Union Reservoir.*
- ✓ 24-25, Sat & Sun. C.F.O. trip to Baca County. Call Laurens Halsey (530-1628) for info.
- ✓ 26, Monday. Memorial Day. Wheat Ridge Green Belt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at Prospect Park off 44th Ave. near Robb St. 1/2 Day - Lunch Optional. 8:30 A.M.
- 31, Saturday. Roxborough Park and Waterton. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 AM at Safeway on US 285 (Hampden) and S. Logan, or at 7:15 AM at intersection of Rampart and Roxborough Roads.*

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Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

Field Trip Coordinators

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:

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2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.

3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" (e.g., Snow Goose - white form vs. blue form) or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole - Bullock's race vs. Baltimore race) with your summary.

4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., plains, foothills, mountains, alpine, etc.).

5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summary.

6. Please notify Jack Reddall (771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

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SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Jefferson County Open Space Naturalist Program is seeking people interested in nature to serve as Volunteer Naturalists. Duties will include assisting with planning and implementing a variety of nature programs, such as hikes, slide programs or environmental talks. Volunteers may also assist with planning and design of displays or reception work in Nature Center to open this summer. Training will be provided on Wednesday evenings with mandatory orientation session set for May 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Conference Center on Lookout Mountain. If interested or seeking more information, contact Melissa Clark, Interpretive Naturalist, at 526-0855.

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APRIL 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- APRIL 5 & 6, Saturday & Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Nee-So-Pah & Nee-No-She Reservoirs, Clay Creek SWA, Holly (Dorenkamp's Pasture), Two Buttes Reservoir, Cottonwood Canyon, Dry Cimarron River, Blue Lake, Cheraw, Lake Meredith (SEC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Mostly clear; wind 0-10 MPH; 35-65°). 780 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 20 hours. (91 species, 4104 individuals).
- 5, Saturday. Boulder area: Chatauqua Park, Boulder, Viele Lake, Baseline Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, Union Reservoir (BOULDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Walter Collins, Norm Erthal, Doug Ward. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 35-60°). 75 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8 hours. (62 species, 2425 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Ron Carter. Observers: Dave Balogh, Terry Balogh, Virginia Bleck, Alan Hay, Jeff Modesitt. (Clear; wind calm; 32-70°). 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (42 species, 666 individuals).

- APRIL 8, Tuesday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Fort Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, "Pelican Refuges", Orchard (NECO). Observers: Harold Holt, Jack Reddall. (Overcast to mostly cloudy; wind, SE 10-25 MPH; 45-55°). 298 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12 hours. (58 species, 6117 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Lori Chappell, Bob & Helen Geick, Margaret Geick, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Judy Merrill, Marcia Merrill, Don & Jo Shrode, Harv Smith, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; wind 0-10 MPH; 40-65°). 1½ miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 5½ hours. (35 species, 449 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. East Central Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield S.P., Henry's Lake, Red Rocks Park, Genesee Mountain Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir (ECCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind, SE 0-25 MPH; 41-67°). 240 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12 hours. (77 species, 4317 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir (BARR). Leader: John Bregar. Observers: Augusta Holland, Ed McConkey, Justina Soto, Judy Ward. (Clear to mostly cloudy, fog; wind 30-50 MPH; 40-45°). 90 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours. 67 species, 2005 individuals).
- 11-13, Friday through Sunday. South Central Colorado: South Park, Antero Reservoir, San Luis Valley, Rio Grande River, Conejos River, Sand Creek Canyon in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains (SCCOL). Observers: Dan Bridges, Jerry Cairo. (Clear to partly cloudy to overcast; with some snow; wind, W 0-50 MPH; 30-65°). 600 miles by car, 22 miles on foot. 31 hours. (84 species, 2017 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Jan Justice. Recorder: Barb Bridges. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Henry & Vi Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bill Brockner, Lori Chappell, Mike DeHarte, Barb Garrow, Bob & Helen Geick, Alan Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Carol Lofft, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Betty & Harold Oliver, Bill Payne, Don & Jo Shrode, Ann Southcott, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind 0-20 MPH; 40-59°). 45 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 8 hours. (56 species, 4682 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Windsor Lake & Fairmount Cemetery (W/F). Leaders: Don & Jo Shrode. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alan & Dee Hay, Dan & Mary Laszlo, Carol Lofft, Jean Maguire, Thompson Marsh, Janet Paulson, Toby Titman, Bill Tucker (Kingston, NH). (Partly cloudy; mild). ½ mile by car, 3½ miles on foot. 4½ hours. (36 species, 561 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland including Latham Reservoir (PNG). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Bill & June Kistler, Rex McGehee, Bill Payne, Karen Rubash, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Frances Sperl, Mort Staatz, Bill Tucker, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; wind 4-12 MPH; 42-48°). 196 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 12 hours. (66 species, 1507 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Bear Creek (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Hugh Ravatt, Bill Tucker, Vito Tursi. (Clear; wind moderate; 45-55°). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (52 species, 402 individuals).

APRIL	5-6	5	6	8	12	12	13	11-13	19	20	26	27
AREA	SEC	BOULDER	CCR	NECO	WGB	ECCO	BARR	SCCOL	CHAT	W/F	PNG	BC
HABITAT	PLN	PHL	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLFH	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PF
Common Loon							1					
Pied-billed Grebe			3	1	5	3	1	6	3		1	2
Horned Grebe	3		18	5	1		40	1	32	8		
Eared Grebe	8		2				3		7			
Clark's Grebe								1				
Western Grebe	30		60	38	30		200	1	3500	4	2	1
American White Pelican	4				60		20				1	

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HABITAT	PLN	FHL	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLFH	PLNS	PLNTNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PF
Double-crested Cormorant	5			10		130	75		208		1	4
Great Blue Heron	15	37	11	10	1	75	30	2	103		1	3
Great Egret		1										
Black-crowned Night Heron							2					
White-faced Ibis								4	131			
Snow Goose											1	
"White" form	500			11		8						
"Blue" form	5											
Ross' Goose						1ad						
Canada Goose	25	86	11	18	21	70	8	15	28	6	2	14
Wood Duck									7			
Green-winged Teal	200	52	39	150		70	25	50	5	4	8	2
Mallard	300	138	74	250	63	250	120	220	16	10	38	20
Northern Pintail	500	17		260		225	200	18			9	
Blue-winged Teal	10	5	2	10		4	20	10	4	3	28	
Cinnamon Teal	6	10	2	8		5	35	50	4		18	
Northern Shoveler	400	62	8	325	1	125	100	2		1	44	8
Gadwall		75	6	900	18	180	350	12	4		20	12
American Wigeon	75	125		90	9	65	20	20		1	6	
Canvasback	8	2		1ma		1ma	1fe					
Redhead	40	28		20	6	5	15	15	14		2	
Ring-necked Duck		60		8		140	10	2	1			2
Lesser Scaup	25	80	23	200	14	600	75	100	4			
Common Goldeneye	2	1				1fe						
Bufflehead	15	28	11	5m2f	1fe	50	12	4				
Hooded Merganser		1ma										
Common Merganser	25	6				2ma	8	3	2			
Red-breasted Merganser	3	4				1m1f						
Ruddy Duck	50			25		5	4		1			
Turkey Vulture			1			13		8				
Osprey									3			
Northern Harrier	8		10	3m1f			3fe	3	3	1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1ad						
Cooper's Hawk	2			1ad								
Swainson's Hawk	12		1	4		4	3	12	1		5	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2						1	3	3		1	
"Western" races		1	3	3		5						1
"Harlan's" race			1									
Ferruginous Hawk						1ad					1	
Rough-legged Hawk								3				
Golden Eagle							1sa	3				
American Kestrel	25	12	8	15	2	15	6	6	7	9	9	
Merlin							1					
Prairie Falcon						2					1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	7		11	2m1f		4		2		1	3	
Wild Turkey	6											
Northern Bobwhite	18											
Scaled Quail	4											
Virginia Rail			3				2-H					
American Coot	200	210	33	100	10	400	150	12	352	1	5	
Killdeer	40	37	9	20	2	5	12	25	3	2	27	1
Mountain Plover											3	
American Avocet	25	17				5	30	20			4	
Greater Yellowlegs	4	3		4		2	6	2			2	
Lesser Yellowlegs		1						2		2	2	
Long-billed Curlew								1				
Western Sandpiper											9	

APRIL AREA HABITAT	5-6 SEC PLN	5 BOULDER FHL PLN	6 CCR PLN	8 NECO PLNS	12 WGB PLN	12 ECCO PLFH	13 BARR PLNS	11-13 SCCOL MNTNS	19 CHAT PLNS	20 W/F PLN	26 PNG PLN	27 BC PF
Baird's Sandpiper	30	2					1					
Long-billed Dowitcher	2						5					
Common Snipe			9	6	2		1	3	1		1	6
Wilson's Phalarope	1										6	
Franklin's Gull	5	10	7				1	6	1	10		
Bonaparte's Gull		1				2im			5			
Ring-billed Gull	25	38	66	15	9	30	30	200	13	2	2	
California Gull	2	25	1	2		15	1	10	12	1		
Herring Gull			1			3			1			
Glaucous Gull						1im						
Rock Dove	15	30	4	20	12	10	15	15	3	2	12	6
Mourning Dove	40			6	5	6	4	10	3	9	47	4
Common Barn-Owl								2				
Great Horned Owl	7			3ad			1	2	11		1	7
Burrowing Owl	12						1	1			2	
Short-eared Owl	1							1				
White-throated Swift						20						2
Belted Kingfisher	1			2	1	2		1	2		1	2
Lewis' Woodpecker	3	3				3						
Williamson's Sapsucker						1ma						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1											
Downy Woodpecker	5		2	3	3		3	4	7	1		
Hairy Woodpecker	3				1			2				
Northern Flicker				13				7				
"Red-shafted" race	25	5	12	15		18	10	4	4	22		12
Eastern Phoebe	3											
Say's Phoebe	2	1				1		4				
Horned Lark	250			15		35	30	300	3		61	1
Tree Swallow		12						2	20		4	57
Violet-green Swallow									1		2	2
Bank Swallow												2
Barn Swallow					5		8	4	3	1	18	21
Steller's Jay		5				70		8				2
Blue Jay	1	4	2		3	6	11				3	1
Scrub Jay	2					13						
Pinyon Jay								30				
Clark's Nutcracker								3				
Black-billed Magpie	30	9	20	29	25	49	75	25	50	15	45	19
American Crow	20	6	3	1			15		12	6	2	3
Chihuahuan Raven	25											
Common Raven	10	3	1				2		25	2		2
Black-capped Chickadee	8	2		15	5	10	5	4	2	4	4	12
Mountain Chickadee					2		5		12			3
Plain Titmouse	2											
Bushtit								15				
White-breasted Nuthatch	2						1	1				2
Pygmy Nuthatch							5					3
Rock Wren	1								2		1	2
Canyon Wren	3											
Bewick's Wren	20											
American Dipper							1		1			1
Golden-crowned Kinglet								4				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1		
Western Bluebird						2m3f						2
Mountain Bluebird		44				7		25				
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2		1			1	4				2
American Robin	75	150	95	13	275	26	60	20	50	7	36	18.16

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AREA	SEC.	BOULDER.	CCR.	NECO.	WGB.	ECCO.	BARR.	SCCOL.	CHAT.	W/F.	PNG.	BC.
HABITAT	PLN	FHL	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLFH	PLNS	MNTNS	PLNS	PLN	PF
Northern Mockingbird	2											
Sage Thrasher				1					4			
Brown Thrasher								1				
Curve-billed Thrasher	3											
Water Pipit	2											
Cedar Waxwing				600								
Loggerhead Shrike	7							1	10		12	
European Starling	100	12	295	30	250	52	200	250	25	25	100	22 40
Yellow-rumped Warbler									1	20		6
"Myrtle" race												2 16
"Audubon's" race						2						2 7
Rufous-sided Towhee	1						35	2		1		3 1
Brown Towhee	5											
Chipping Sparrow										3		8 4
Brewer's Sparrow												5
Field Sparrow	1											
Vesper Sparrow	4								6			20 2
Lark Bunting	20											10
Song Sparrow	2		1	7		27	7	1	15	4	6	2 8
White-crowned Sparrow	30				25			1		1	3	2
Dark-eyed Junco	10											
"Slate-colored" race				1								
"Oregon" race		1		1				4				
"Gray-headed" race		15	2	1			4	1	50			1
McCown's Longspur												1
Chestnut-collared Longspur												10
Red-winged Blackbird	300		110	100	1000	29	150	70	100	35	70	300 40
Western Meadowlark	200		54	35	400	6	500	50	75	17	12	35 8
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10		1	3	20		50	25	15			450
Brewer's Blackbird			6		1ma			15				6
Great-tailed Grackle									1			
Common Grackle	20		75	13	600	27	100	30	50	6	150	73 12
Brown-headed Cowbird	6				2ma							
Cassin's Finch											1	
House Finch	3	25	35		50	3	40		4		10	4 2
Pine Siskin		7			2		10		1			
American Goldfinch	2		4						4			
House Sparrow	125	25	90		220	3	75	40	200		20	80 6
TOTAL SPECIES - 149	. 91.	62	. 42.	58.	35.	77.	67.	84.	56.	36.	66.	52.

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma, m; Female=fe, f; Adult=ad, a; Immature=im, i; Sub-adult=sa;
 Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MNTNS.

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1986 REPORTS(Jack Reddall, compiler):

Common Loon 4-12 (1) Chatfield S.P., Jefferson Co. (FJJ); 4-20 (1, breeding plumage) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (AS).
 Clark's Grebe 4-10 through 4-26 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
 American Bittern 4-22 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (JC).
 Snowy Egret 4-22 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (JC); 4-23 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (AH).
 Black-crowned Night-Heron 4-12 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ).
 White-faced Ibis 4-19 (7) Walden Pond, Boulder Co. (TJ); 4-22 (28) Lower Latham Reservoir (JC); 4-23 (27) Prince Reservoir, Boulder Co. (AH); 4-23 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir (AH); 4-27 (26) Walden Reservoir, Jackson Co. (TJ).
 Ross' Goose 4-14 (1 adult) farm pond, Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (DS). (Written details submitted (DS)).
 Wood Duck 4-20 (3 males, 1 female) McClellan Reservoir (AS).
 Cinnamon Teal 4-2 (57) Weld Co. Rds. 40 & 45 (JC).

Red-breasted Merganser 4-6 (1 male, 1 female) & 4-27 (1 male, 1 female) Johnson Lake near Windsor, Weld Co. (JC).
 Bald Eagle 4-6 (1 adult) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (AS).
 Cooper's Hawk 4-16 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (TJ).
 Swainson's Hawk 4-26 (19 light phase, 2 dark phase) Tower Rd. near E. 64th Ave., Adams Co. (AS).
 Peregrine Falcon 4-27 (1 adult, 1 immature) Walden Reservoir, Jackson Co. (TJ).
 Sora 4-19 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS).
 Semipalmated Plover 4-23 (1) 3 miles northeast of Kersey, Weld Co. (AH).
 Mountain Plover 4-23 (2) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (AH).
 Willet 4-23 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir (AH).
 Short-billed Dowitcher 4-27 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (DS). Good written details submitted, calls heard (DS).
 Eastern Screech-Owl all month (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH).
 Vermilion Flycatcher 4-5 (1) & 4-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK). Sex not specified, no details provided.
 NOTE: Dr. Ron Ryder reports an adult female Vermilion Flycatcher road-kill, 2.5 miles north of Fort Collins on Colo. Hwy. #1 near Dixon Lake, Larimer Co. on March 26, 1986. Specimen sent to Denver Museum of Natural History (RAR).
 House Wren 4-18 (1) Waterton, Jefferson Co. (HK).
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4-23 (1) Mathews - Winters Park, Jefferson Co. (DS); 4-28 (1) Red Rocks Park (DS).
 Sage Thrasher 4-27 (3) Arapaho NWR, Jackson Co. (TJ).
 Cape May Warbler Returned to Jane Axtell's yard during April 3 snowstorm. Seen again on 4-4. Last seen on 4-5 (HK).
 Black-throated Sparrow 4-25 (1) Red Rocks Park (MG). Written documentation submitted.
 Lark Bunting 4-23 (1) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland (AH).
 Fox Sparrow 4-20 (1) Beaver Creek, Jefferson Co. (DS) - *Passerella iliaca schistacea* race.
 McCown's Longspur 4-23 (3) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland (AH).
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 4-23 (5) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland (AH).
 Great-tailed Grackle 4-22 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (UK); 4-27 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (DS).
 Cassin's Finch 4-2 (1 male) backyard feeder, Federal Heights (HH).

CONTRIBUTORS: Jerry Cairo (JC), Mel Gabel (MG), Alan Hay (AH), Harold Holt (HH), Tina Jones (TJ), Frank & Jan Justice (FJJ), Hugh Kingery (HK), Urling Kingery (UK), Dr. Ronald A. Ryder (RAR), Mary Jane Schock (MJS), Dick Schottler (DS), Aaron Sell (AS).

UPPER TEXAS COAST TRIP - APRIL 18-22, 1986:

Leader: Robert Righter. Observer: Ron Carter.

Highlights: 172 species. 32 shorebirds. 9 terns.
 24 warblers. Yellow Rail, Hudsonian Godwit, Bachman Sparrow.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - JUNE 1986

- JUNE 1, Sunday. Ken-Caryl Ranch area. Leader: Susan Bisbee (972-4516) and Chris Martin (979-9527). 7:30 AM meet at the Ranch House (West on Ken-Caryl Ave. to Continental Divide, left to parking lot.*
- 3, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM at West Gate. ½ day.
- 7, Saturday. Sedalia to Palmer Lake. Leader: John Sanden (688-3413). 6:15 AM meet at Safeway lot on US 285 (Hampden Ave.) and South Logan, or at 7:00 AM at Sedalia.*
- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Walter Bull (751-1032). 7:00 AM meet at Denver Museum of National History, north lot.*

JUNE 11, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:30 AM at Park-N-Ride on Wadsworth south of US 285.*

14, Saturday. Apex Trail (foothills). Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). This is a strenuous uphill hike for birds and flowers. Bring a canteen of water (Blue Grouse Possible). Meet at 6:00 AM at Apex Openspace lot, north of Heritage Square. Entrance is on Colo. 93, just north of junction with US 40. 1/2 day - lunch optional.

15, Sunday. Bear Creek Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest of Burlington Coat Factory, Sheridan & Hampden.*

18, Wednesday. Deer Creek and Chatfield Arboretum. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington C.F., Sheridan & Hampden, or meet at 7:30 AM at Deer Creek turn-off.*

21, Saturday. Reynolds Park, Buffalo Creek. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington C.F., Sheridan & Hampden, or meet at 7:45 AM at Highlander Inn at Conifer.*

22, Sunday. June Nesting Bird Day. On your own or with other birders look for nesting birds at home or place of your choice. Send reports to Ruth Wheeler before June 30th for compiling.

25, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leaders: Warner and Ruth Reeser (1-586-3010). Meet at 6:30 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot West 38th Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd. Meet in Estes Park at 8:30 AM at the Park Headquarters.*

28, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes (near Bailey). Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, South Sheridan & Hampden.*

29, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon. Leader: Duane Nelson (642-7109). Carpool on your own at 6:30 AM at Berkeley Senior Center, southwest corner of Berkeley Park. (West 46th Ave., east of Sheridan). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Coal Creek Food Store (about 7 miles up the canyon from Highway 93).*

*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer	279-4682
Ruth Wheeler	455-3924

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SPECIAL NOTICE: We regret to report the death of long-time DFO member, Paul C. Rechel. Paul was an active field trip leader in the Castle Rock/Castlewood Canyon area, and served as the Count Leader for the Annual Denver Christmas Count for a number of years. Memorials may be sent to Hilltop Community Church, Democrat Rd. at Flintwood, Parker, Colorado, or to the Denver Field Ornithologists, 6860-D East Mississippi Ave., Denver 80224.

MAY 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

May 3, Saturday. Hudson to Rigli Ranch (Morgan Co.) and surrounding plains area (RR). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ron Carter, Virginia Ham, Alan & Dee Hay, Randy Lentz, Thompson Marsh, Edwin McConkey, Harold & Betty Oliver, Bob Spencer, Bill Tucker, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, becoming cloudy in afternoon; wind 0-10 MPH; 55-75°). 94 miles by car, 2½ miles on foot. 7 hours. (43 species, 235 individuals).

MAY 4, Sunday. Boulder area: Varsity Pond (CU campus), AAA Pond, Gaynor Lake #2, Hiram Prince Reservoir #2, Union Reservoir (BO). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Alan Hay, Dick Pautsch, Mort Staatz, Bill Tucker, Vito Tursi. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, SE, 3-15 MPH; 54-82°). 59 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (57 species, 668 individuals).

9-11, Friday thru Sunday. Cheyenne Bottoms & Quivera National Wildlife Refuges and Great Bend area of Kansas (CBKS). PLEASE NOTE: For those of you who keep statistical records for Colorado, disregard species and individuals included under this column. Leader: David Silverman. Observers (DFO): Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Alan & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Ruth Wheeler. Observers (Pueblo): Dave & Margaret Barber and Anna, Ellen & Katie; Mel & Lynn Bird; Joyce Bowles; Mary Coffey; Dave Johnson; Clara King; Jack Murray; Ann Whitfield. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, becoming clear on Sunday; wind gusting on 5-9 & 5-10, becoming light on Sunday; 50-65°). 900 miles by car (from Denver), 2 miles on foot. 20+ hours birding. (139 species, 1574+ individuals).

SPRING COUNT 1986 (Kathy Hawkins, compiler):

SATURDAY - MAY 10

Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Barb Bridges, Mike DeHarte, Virginia Edens, Cindy & George Maly, Jack Reddall, Tim Schowalter. (Clear; 34-72°). 11½ hours. 12 miles. (103 species, 3135 individuals).

Waterton (WT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Dick Guadagno, David & Martha Gulben Kian, Bob & Marty Montgomery, Bill Payne, Bill Tucker. (Clear and sunny). 8 hours. (84 species, 697 individuals)

Bear Creek and Marston Lake (BCM). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Bill Brockner, Thompson Marsh, Richard Pautsch, Don Shrode, Sue Sommer, Bob Spencer (Clear; 5-10 MPH; 32-69°). 10 hours. 23 miles. (69 species, 1539 individuals).

Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: None. (Sunny; 0-20 MPH SE; 40-75°). 8½ hours. 28 miles. (44 species, 435 individuals).

SUNDAY - MAY 11

Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Dave Martin, Duane Nelson, Bob Spencer. (Clear; 0-5 MPH; 40-75°). 10½ hours. 10 miles. (81 species, 1514 individuals).

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CW). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observer: Vivian Pliler. (Clear; 35-65°). 9 hours. 13 miles. (48 species, 426 individuals).

Cherry Creek State Park (CCR). Leader: Bob Righter. Observer: Jean Maguire. (Clear; 40-75°). 8½ hours. 6 miles. (75 species, 821 individuals).

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Kathy Bollhoefer, Ruth Bull, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear; 0-10 MPH; 45-75°). 7 hours. 52 miles. (54 species, 1955 individuals).

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF SPRING COUNTS

YEAR	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
TOTAL SPECIES	159	145	167	183	167
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	10522	9466	8861	10798	11236

MAY 17, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir, Highline Canal, Daniels Park (MHD). Leader: Don Shrode. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Virginia Ham, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 40-56°). 85 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6½ hours. (48 species, 696 individuals).

- MAY 17, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Overcast, light rain & drizzle becoming partly cloudy by noon; wind, NE 0-5 MPH; 44-55°). 21 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 11 hours. (106 species, 1994 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir, Bijou Reservoir, Weldona, Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuges", Orchard, Roggen, Prospect Valley, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 67 and 6 & 61, Prospect Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John Bregar, Virginia Edens, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Bob Jickling, Ken LaBorde, Wade Leitner, Randy Lentz, Bill Payne, Tim Schowalter. (Partly cloudy; wind, N 0-5 MPH; 43-70°). 279 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12½ hours. (102 species, 2126 individuals).
- 16-19, Friday thru Monday. Four day trip through southeastern Colorado: Colorado Springs SWA, Burnt Mill Rd., Mesa de Maya, Cottonwood Canyon, Cimarron River, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Blue Lake, Cheraw Lake, Olney Springs (SECOL). Observers: David Martin, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler. (Clear to 100% overcast, rain; wind 0-25 MPH; 35-80°). 875 miles by car, 15 miles on foot. 50 hours birding. (165 species, 9561 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Union Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, Lyons area (UNR). Leaders: Bill, Inez & John Prather. Observers: Henry & Vi Bossman, Hazel Kellogg, Jenny Druzel, Bill Payne, Joe Tenbrink, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, John Whitten. (Mostly cloudy; wind, 0-10 MPH; 55-75°). 93 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. 75 species, 1305 individuals).
- 26, Monday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Robert & Mildred Bailey, Rob Chapman, Eileen Coddington, Laurie Gibb, Meg Goldcamp, Freda Krolik, Ed McConkey, Joe & Kaye Natale, Harold & Betty Oliver, Al & Ethel Petrick, Bob Richter, Alma Scheele, Jean Sheldon, Anne Southcott, Shirley Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, John Whitten (California), Betty Woods. (Partly cloudy; wind, light; 60°). 2½ miles on foot. 3½ hours. (35 species, 425 individuals).
- 31, Saturday. Roxborough Park and Waterton Canyon (RW). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Ron Carter, Wanda Dudek, Ralph Ehret, Virginia Ham, Alan Hay, Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Dris Joy, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Don Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Clear; 60-75°). 4 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (43 species, 247 individuals).

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL FIELD TRIPS (space limitations prevent listing species in detail):

MAY 10, Saturday. Boulder County: C.U. Campus, Bluebell Canyon, Gregory Canyon. Lyons area. McIntosh Lake. Hamm's Nature Area. Union Reservoir. Walden Pond east of Boulder. Observer: Bob Andrews. (114 individuals). Unusual species: Whimbrel (5), Ovenbird (1).

15, Thursday. Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion SWA, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Crow Valley campground, Murphy's Pasture, Latham Reservoir, Lyons (foothills), Rocky Mountain N.P., Union Reservoir. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Bill Prather, John Prather. (160 species, 1748 individuals). Unusual species: Peregrine Falcon (1 adult), Common Tern (1), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1) - No details!, Bell's Vireo (2).

ANNUAL SPRING COUNT

MAY	3	4	9-11	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	SPNG	17	17	18	16-19	24	26	31
AREA	RR	BO	CBKS	CSP	WT	BCM	RR	BAR	CW	CCR	BLP	CONT	MHD	CCR	NECO	SECOL	UNL	WGB	RW
HABITAT	PL	PL	PLNS	PLN	PL	PLN	FH	PLN	FH	PLN	PLN	TOTL	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLAIN	P/F	PLN	FH
Common Loon				1								1							
Pied-billed Grebe		10		2	1	4		4		1	1	13			1	2	4	1	
Horned Grebe						2						2							
Eared Grebe			18	4	2	12				2	1	21		30	6	10	25		
Western Grebe		6		16		29		46		60	2	153	5	60	10	200	10		
Clark's Grebe				1				1				2				75			
American White Pelican	15	19	16	3				29			35	67			70	6	50		

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Double-crested Cormorant			5	324	6	6		76		2	48	462	6	3	65	5		1	2
American Bittern			3								1	1							
Great Blue Heron	2	11	8	286	7	14		19	1	14	14	355	1	10	13	5	3	1	
Great Egret			1		1							1							
Snowy Egret			4		5					2		7		1					
Little Blue Heron			24																
Cattle Egret		2						2				2							
Green-backed Heron			1	1	1			1				3				1			4
Black-crowned Night-Heron		3	1	2		3		14		5	5	29		9ad	2ad	8		10	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron			1																
White-faced Ibis			8					45				45		1	3	1			
Canada Goose	3	30	2	30	12	76		13		30	66	227	4	30	40	2	40	30	
Wood Duck				14	5			2		1		22	2		2ma				
Green-winged Teal		7	2	3	2			12		1	10	28		15	1ma	20	30		
Mallard		14	6	35	10	83	3	66	2	40	141	380	9	20	65	75	30	30	
Northern Pintail		2	2	4				11			113	128			45	35			
Blue-winged Teal		28	20	20	4	2		29		15	61	131	2	25	15	60	14		
Cinnamon Teal		9		5	7	2		9		3	18	44	2	3	3ma	10	4		
Northern Shoveler		15	112	9	5	1		13		4	32	64		20	50	100	80		
Gadwall		25	2	1	8	32		41		12	9	103		8	55	75	2		
American Wigeon		2	2			5		2				7		2	2ma	4	4		
Canvasback			1			1						1				2			
Redhead		4	1	1				15			15	31		2ma	4m1f	40			
Ring-necked Duck		14			5							5		1ma	1ma		2		
Lesser Scaup			1	6	3	3					1	13			3ma	1ma		2	
Bufflehead					12					1		13		1fe	2fe	1fe	7		
Hooded Merganser																1ma			
Common Merganser				7	2	1		4				14							
Ruddy Duck			2		1			21		17	9	48		10	15	150	8		
Turkey Vulture				2	1		2		20			25				12			5
Osprey														1		2			
Mississippi Kite			5													40			
Northern Harrier	2		2				1			2	3	6		2	1ma	1			
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2	4							6				1			
Cooper's Hawk				1								1	1			1			1
Red-shouldered Hawk															1				
Swainson's Hawk	2	5	2	2		3	1	7		2	7	22		3	8	14	2		
Red-tailed Hawk	2		1	2								2	5				2		
"Western" races					3				2			5		1ad	6	5			
Ferruginous Hawk	1		1												2ad	1			
Golden Eagle				1	1							2				1			
American Kestrel		8	2	6	5	9	3	1	1	1	5	31	6	2	6	17	8		6
Peregrine Falcon			3													1			
Prairie Falcon									2			2							3
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		4	3				3		14		20		10	2ma	4			
Wild Turkey			2													7			
Northern Bobwhite			2																
Scaled Quail																2			
King Rail			1-H																
Virginia Rail			4-H	1		4				1		6		3					
Sora			1	1	1					2		4		10H		1	1		
American Coot		26	12	15		35		27		4	23	104		40	60	35	2	2	
Black-bellied Plover			30													24	1		
Lesser Golden-Plover			1																
Snowy Plover			10													8			
Semipalmated Plover			40							1		1		1		3			
Killdeer	7	16	4	4	3	15		12	4	15	24	77	3	6	15	60	8	1	

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Black-necked Stilt			4													8	1		
American Avocet		22	30							2	21	23		1	13	125	30		
Greater Yellowlegs			1																
Lesser Yellowlegs			4											4		2	1		
Solitary Sandpiper											2	2							
Willet			1											1		1	2		
Spotted Sandpiper		4	1	4	4	14		9		7		38		8	16	13	4		
Whimbrel			1											3		2			
Long-billed Curlew	1															3		1	
Hudsonian Godwit			100																
Marbled Godwit			4	1								1				6			
Ruddy Turnstone																1			
Red Knot			4																
Sanderling			1													35			
Semipalmated Sandpiper		6	4													6			
Western Sandpiper			2											1			1		
Least Sandpiper			x?											1					
White-rumped Sandpiper			1												4	15			
Baird's Sandpiper		3	x?						1			1			4	2			
Dunlin			1																
Stilt Sandpiper			60											2	3	800			
Short-billed Dowitcher														1					
Long-billed Dowitcher	1		20	2				1			27	30		35		20	1		
Common Snipe				1								1		1					
Wilson's Phalarope		18	40	200	12			4			57	273		45	10	1000	20		
Red-necked Phalarope														20	6	50	60		
Franklin's Gull			24	25						2		27		1		5			
Bonaparte's Gull										1		1							
Ring-billed Gull		1	6	150	3	5		10		60		228	6	30	100	200		1	
California Gull				60				11				71		40	20	15			
Caspian Tern			1																
Common Tern																6			
Forster's Tern			6			1		7		5		13		22	3	30			
Least Tern																1			
Black Tern			4											1		200			
Rock Dove		45	12	30	34	47	3	4	10	2		130	8	4	20	100	20	6	8
Band-tailed Pigeon																2			
Mourning Dove	6	6	12	8	27	37		26	12	5	47	162	13	10	85	450	6	10	6
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			1																
Greater Roadrunner																1			
Common Barn-Owl																6			
Eastern Screech-Owl			1-H																
Great Horned Owl	6		1	1	1	2		2		2	5	13	3	5	1ad	4			
Burrowing Owl	4			4						1		5		1	3	7	1		
Long-eared Owl																3			
Common Nighthawk			1													12			
Common Poorwill									2			2							
Chuck-will's-Widow			1-H																
Chimney Swift		7	6																
White-throated Swift							62					62					10		15
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			1																
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							?		2			2	3				6		3
Belted Kingfisher				7	2	5		2	1			17		1	2	3	1		1
Lewis' Woodpecker		5							2	1		3				50	2		
Red-headed Woodpecker			12												19	16			
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1																
Ladder-backed Woodpecker																1			
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1	1	3	1		6		1		12	1			1			

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"Batchelder's" race														1ma					
"Eastern" races														2	1				
Hairy Woodpecker			1		1		1					2				2			
"Eastern" races															1				
Northern Flicker		7											9				3		
"Yellow-shafted" race			2												1				
"Red-shafted" race				8	4	30	1	4	3	4	1	55		5	4	5		3	4
Olive-sided Flycatcher				2								2							
Western Wood-Pewee				1	2	1						4		2		10	3		
Willow Flycatcher			1	1								1							
Least Flycatcher			1	1								1		2	2	1			
Hammond's Flycatcher								1				1							
Dusky Flycatcher														1		1			
Western Flycatcher														1					
Empidonax species														2	3				
Eastern Phoebe																	4		
Say's Phoebe							1					1				12			1
Ash-throated Flycatcher																2			
Great Crested Flycatcher			2																
Cassin's Kingbird					1							1				8			
Western Kingbird	4	1	10	5	7	3		18	2	3	52	90	18	3	55	300	10		1
Eastern Kingbird	1		8	5				16			1	22	2		40	60	4		2
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			1													1			
Horned Lark	12		2	1	2	3			50		59	115			10	1400			
Purple Martin			4																
Tree Swallow		8		20	57		15	15		4	1	112	3	10	5				
Violet-green Swallow				30	18	8	95	12	20	1		184	150	10		10	40	50	25
N. Rough-winged Swallow			36	200	25	8		5	1	2		241		1	3	25			
Bank Swallow		1	200	4						3		7		2	2	4	30	25	
Cliff Swallow		20	60	30	1	35			99	2	2	169		300	10	700	200	1	12
Barn Swallow	8	16	10	50	65	13	6	4		6	55	199	130	500	65	100	22	100	1
Steller's Jay							6		1			7	1						
Blue Jay	1	2	1	2						8		10			9	1		1	
Scrub Jay				1	1		10		4			16	1			3			10
Pinyon Jay				22								22							
Black-billed Magpie	4	15		15	5	53	20	36	12	5	41	187	16	25	20	30	10	10	13
American Crow		10	3	10	7		4		2			23	5			10			8
Chihuahuan Raven																15			
Common Raven				1	2		2		4			9				2			5
Black-capped Chickadee		2	1	7	8	6	4	15	6	4		50	3	6	8	4	2		8
Mountain Chickadee							2					2							
Plain Titmouse																10			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1																		
White-breasted Nuthatch			1				1					1				2			
Pygmy Nuthatch							1	1				2							
Rock Wren				1					1			2		2	2	30			
Canyon Wren							1					1				4	1-H		2
Bewick's Wren																3			
House Wren	1		2	50	17	7	4	31	6	4	4	123	14	16	50	25	3	6	5
Marsh Wren														1					
American Dipper							2					2					3		3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1	2						1		3				3			
Eastern Bluebird			1												1m16				
Western Bluebird													26						
Mountain Bluebird							3		4			7	7			2			
Townsend's Solitaire							1					1							5
Veery																4			
Gray-cheeked Thrush																1			

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Swainson's Thrush			1											13	90	5	2		
Hermit Thrush	1							8				8			7	3			
American Robin	2	10	6	10	5	111	24	14	6	11	4	185	23	20	25	12	30	6	11
Gray Catbird			2	2								2			2		1		
Northern Mockingbird	3		2												2	25			
Brown Thrasher	1		4								6	6			5	9			
Curve-billed Thrasher																1			
Water Pipit				50		3						53							
Cedar Waxwing						3						3		2	15				1
Loggerhead Shrike	2		2		1							1				11			
European Starling	11	25	10	100	25	56	27	150	10	21	8	397	29	50	45	200	50	25	
Bell's Vireo			3																
Warbling Vireo			5	2	4			1				7		1	2	1			3
Red-eyed Vireo			2		2							2							
Tennessee Warbler						2						2				6			
Orange-crowned Warbler	1															1			
Virginia's Warbler							1	1	6			8			16e				1
Northern Parula																	1ma		
Yellow Warbler			2	5	?	4		7	2	3	5	26		20	23	30	12	4	4
Magnolia Warbler													1ma						
Yellow-rumped Warbler					1							1				17			
"Myrtle" race				3	6	7		1			1	18		3					
"Audubon's" race	4			15	13	7		18		4	13	70		15	10				
Blackpoll Warbler			1																
Black-and-white Warbler								1				1							
American Redstart															1imf	2			
Ovenbird															2				
Northern Waterthrush														1	1				
MacGillivray's Warbler								2				2				3			1
Common Yellowthroat			12	2	1	2		2		8		15		12	5	9	4	6	
Wilson's Warbler			1	1								1				1			
Yellow-breasted Chat				6	7							13		1		6			2
Hepatic Tanager																2			
Scarlet Tanager						1ma						1ma							
Western Tanager					5	4		1				10		3		6		1	
Northern Cardinal			3																
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					2							2				1ma			
Black-headed Grosbeak					5		1	4	2	1		13	4			13	1		8
Blue Grosbeak								2				2		1ma		25			
Lazuli Bunting	1m		1HY	2	4		3		4	2		15		1ma	2ma	5	4		8
Indigo Bunting			1													2			
Dickcissel			4																
Green-tailed Towhee										1		1	1	3		1			
Rufous-sided Towhee	2			25	15	1	46		8			95	6			1	1		25
Brown Towhee																8			
Cassin's Sparrow																15			
Chipping Sparrow	3	4	4	14	17	151	10	24	6	21	2	245	6	9	2	35			
Clay-colored Sparrow			4					1				1		1		6			
Brewer's Sparrow				1	6			5				12		4					
Field Sparrow			1																
Vesper Sparrow				7	20	15	3		10			55	7	2	1	5			3
Lark Sparrow	11		1	5	2	3		1		2		13			18	100			
Lark Bunting	20		2						2		18	20		3	35	400			
Savannah Sparrow		2	1	3			3			7		13		1					
Grasshopper Sparrow			3																
Song Sparrow		1		20	14	18	1	2	1	17		73		15	1			8	5
Lincoln's Sparrow					1			1				2		3	1	9	1		

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White-crowned Sparrow			2	8	4	4		3		4	1	24		1			1		
"Gambel's" race	10																		
Dark-eyed Junco								4				4							
"Oregon" race										1		1							
"Gray-headed" race																			
Chestnut-collared Longspur	1m																		
Bobolink			6	2ma								2ma							
Red-winged Blackbird	13	35	300	500	13	201		130	20	150	450	1464	23	150	150	200	104	30	2
Eastern Meadowlark			2																
Western Meadowlark	8	18	5	38	33	71	26	16	50	50	44	328	25	75	200	400	20		12
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3	25	24	35	1	5		75		1	310	427		1ma	70	50	20	5	
Brewer's Blackbird				20	4	2				7		33		2	4	5	12		
Great-tailed Grackle			2																
Common Grackle	8	30	24	150	6	64		210		50	42	522	17	35	60	250	60	20	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	1	4	300	19	15	11	5	12	20	4	386	13	15	20	40	50	4	5
Orchard			6												7	50			
Northern Oriole													15						
"Baltimore" race			15												2ma	1			
"Bullock's" race	1			4	4	11	6	37	2	12		76		12	20	90	4	8	3
House Finch		15		1	3	66	3	3	2	22		100	15	25	15	16	10	4	
Pine Siskin		3		2	5	13	6			3		29	29	1		2	30		
Lesser Goldfinch							5					5							
American Goldfinch		2	6	22	7	20		4		13		66		7	6	10	3	2	1
Evening Grosbeak				2	9							11	8			1			
House Sparrow	40	40	12		7	57	1	19	6	3	28	121	10	25	100	350	50	10	1
TOTAL SPECIES - 248	43	57	139	103	84	69	44	81	48	75	54	159	48	106	102	165	75	35	43

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima;
Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FOOT, FHL, FH, F;
Mountain=MTNS, MTN, MT, M; Numbers not estimated=x?; Hybrid=HY.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

American Bittern 5-11 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC); 5-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (DB); 5-21 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (DB); 5-29 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-31 (1) Latham Reservoir (RH, HH, JL, JR).

Great Egret 5-16 (2) 95th Street on Boulder Valley Farm, Boulder Co. (TJ); 5-18 (1) 95th Street at Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. (BA); 5-28 (1) Seeley Lake, Greeley, Weld Co. (JC).

Cattle Egret 5-3 (1) Buckley Rd. & 128th Ave., Adams Co. (KH); 5-24 thru 5-27 (5) Latham Reservoir (JC, JH); 5-24 (6) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (DB); 5-26 (4) Latham Reservoir (BP); 5-29 (2) 96th Ave. at Buckley Rd., Adams Co. (RH, HH, JL).

Green-backed Heron 5-9 (1) pond north of Waterton Bridge, Jefferson Co. (KL); 5-15 (1) Chatfield S.P. - near "Kingfisher Bridge", Jefferson Co. (PE); 5-29 (1) Fossil Creek Duck Club, Larimer Co. (TJ).

White-faced Ibis many reports during month. Maxima: 140 on 5-3 at Buckley Rd. and 128th Ave., Adams Co. (KH).

Snow Goose 5-11 (2 adults- "White" form) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC); 5-24 (1 - "White" form) Lake Meredith (DB).

Wood Duck many reports during month.

Common Merganser 5-14 (1male) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (JR); 5-28 (1male) Red Lion SWA (BA).

Osprey 5-13 & 5-14 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK); 5-18 (1) flying over Bear Canyon, Boulder Co. (BA).

Mississippi Kite 5-17 (2 adults), cemetery, La Junta, Otero Co. (JC, JH).

Broad-winged Hawk 5-13 (1 adult, 1 sub-adult) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson Co. (BR); 5-13 (1) Waterton (HK); 5-29 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co. (RH, HH, JL); 5-29 (1 immature) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (BA).

Peregrine Falcon 5-7 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-9 (1 immature) Weld Co. Rds. 42 & 45 (JC).

White-tailed Ptarmigan 5-30 (1 male, 1 female) Trail Ridge Rd., Rocky Mountain N.P., Larimer Co. (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Sharp-tailed Grouse 5-1 (11) Moffat Co. (JC,JH).

Wild Turkey 5-12 (1 female on nest, "several" eggs) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JC); 5-26 (8) along So. Platte River at Cooper (4 miles NE of Snyder), Morgan Co. (BA).

Common Moorhen 5-9 (1) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (EH,IH) - good verbal details provided. Searched for on 5-22 but failed to locate (WL,JR).

Snowy Plover 5-24 (1) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB); 5-26 (1) Cheraw, Otero Co. (TH,BS).

Mountain Plover 5-30 (4 adults) along Weld Co. Rd. 45 between Co. Rds. 114 & 122 (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Willet 5-13 (3) Waterton Canyon at the treatment plant (BR).

Upland Sandpiper 5-14 (3) Red Lion SWA (JR); 5-17 (2) Red Lion SWA (DB).

Whimbrel 5-8 (3) Weld Co. Rds. 42 & 45 (JC); 5-18 (2) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (JC); 5-28 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

Ruddy Turnstone 5-16 & 5-17 (1, breeding plumage) intersection of U.S. Hwys. 36 & 385, Yuma Co. (DB).

Red Knot 5-16 (38, all breeding plumage) Union Reservoir (JC,BP,IP).

Sanderling several reports during month. Maxima: 13 on 5-29 at Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR).

White-rumped Sandpiper numerous reports during the month. Maxima: 20 on 5-24 at Weld Co. Rds. 42 & 45 (JC,JH).

Red-necked Phalarope numerous reports during the month. Maxima: 140 on 5-29, Latham Reservoir (JC,JH).

Bonaparte's Gull 5-1 (2 immatures) Walden Reservoir, Jackson Co. (JC,JH); 5-31 (4 immatures) Latham Reservoir (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Caspian Tern 5-29 (1 adult, breeding plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Common Tern 5-18 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK).

Band-tailed Pigeon 5-22 (4) along U.S. Hwy. 160 (mile post 260) Costilla Co. (WL,JR); 5-30 (12) along Colo. Hwy. 7 (mile post 22) Boulder Co. (RH,HH,JL,JR).

White-winged Dove 5-12 (1) at feeding station, 2695 So. Winona Court, Denver (MJS) - written details submitted (MJS).

Black-billed Cuckoo 5-31 (1) Sterlin, Logan Co. (BR); 5-31 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (BR).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo not one report for the month! Where are they?

Common Barn-Owl 5-12 (1) So. Republican SWA, Hale Ponds, Yuma Co. (JC).

Eastern Screech-Owl 5-11 (1) Foster Grove campground, Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (DB); 5-12 (1, gray phase adult) Foster Grove campground, Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR).

Common Poorwill 5-21 (1, heard calling) 2695 Newland, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (PE).

White-throated Swift 5-31 (3) Pawnee Buttes, Pawnee National Grassland (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5-13 (1 female) along South Republican River about 1/4 mile from the CO/KS state line, Yuma Co. (JR). There are no records previously for the state.

Lewis' Woodpecker 5-12 (1) Foster Grove campground, Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-17 (5) "flying" overhead at end of White Ranch Trail - ? (DM).

Red-bellied Woodpecker 5-13 (1) So. Republican River SWA, Hale Ponds (JC); 5-13 (1) along Arickaree River near CO/KS state line, Yuma Co. (JC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5-14 (1 male) at feeder, 2695 Newland, Wheat Ridge (PE). No details. Few records for the state, mostly during winter months.

Red-naped Sapsucker 5-30 (1 male) Rocky Mountain N.P. (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Williamson's Sapsucker 5-30 (1 male, 1 female at nest hole) Little Horseshoe Park, Rocky Mountain N.P. (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Three-toed Woodpecker 5-30 (1 male, 1 female) Little Horseshoe Park, Rocky Mountain N.P. (RH,JJ,JL,JR).

Northern Flicker 5-14 (1, "Yellow-shafted" race) 2695 Newland, Wheat Ridge (PE).

Olive-sided Flycatcher 5-31 (1) "Owl Canyon", Pawnee National Grassland (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Willow Flycatcher 5-31 (1) "Owl Canyon", Pawnee National Grassland (RH,HH,JL,JR).

Least Flycatcher Many reports during the month.

Gray Flycatcher 5-18 (3) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. (JC,JH); 5-22 (1) Rio Grande National Forest Rd. 659, Saguache Co. (WL,JR).

Vermilion Flycatcher Report in last month's Lark Bunting on 4-5 should have been credited to Sean Hayes who first found the bird - a male. Written documentation submitted (HK).

Ash-throated Flycatcher 5-23 (1) McCoy, Routt Co. (BR).

Great Crested Flycatcher 5-12 & 5-13 (2) So. Republican SWA (JC); 5-18 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB);

- 5-25 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB); 5-25 (1) Prewitt Reservoir (BA); 5-30 & 5-31 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA (BA).
- Clark's Nutcracker 5-22 (1) along Rio Grande N.F. Road 660, Saguache Co. (WL, JR).
- Red-breasted Nuthatch 5-31 (1) Crow Valley campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (TJ).
- Bewick's Wren 5-18 (1) along Arkansas River, Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (TJ).
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-5 (2) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder Co. (BA).
- Veery 5-14 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB); 5-15 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JC); 5-15 (1) Crow Valley campground, Briggsdale (JC); 5-24 (1, singing) city park, Hugo, Lincoln Co. (BS).
- Solitary Vireo 5-13 (2, "Cassin's" race) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-14 (1, "Cassin's" race) Jumbo Reservoir (JR).
- Red-eyed Vireo 5-31 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale (TJ).
- Tennessee Warbler 5-4 (1 male) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (KL); 5-7 (1) Lyons, Boulder Co. (JC); 5-9 (1) So. Platte River near Milliken, Weld Co. (JC); 5-13 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-29 (1) So. Platte River near Milliken (JC).
- Orange-crowned Warbler 5-2 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BS). Only 3 birds reported during the entire month!
- Virginia's Warbler 5-5 (1) 4450 So. Alton St. Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
- Northern Parula several reports of the singing male at the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 5-26 (1 male, singing) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB); 5-27 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BS).
- Magnolia Warbler 5-14 & 5-17 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB).
- Townsend's Warbler 5-9 (1 female) C.U. campus, Boulder (BA).
- Blackburnian Warbler 5-18 (1 female) Colorado Springs SWA, El Paso Co. (BS).
- Palm Warbler 5-4 (1, singing) Chatfield S.P. (KL); 5-25 (1, "Western" race) Hack Ranch at 9800' elevation, Park Co. (CH, KH).
- Bay-breasted Warbler 5-13 (1 male) along South Boulder Creek at corner of Baseline & Cherryvale Rds., Boulder Co. (TJ).
- Blackpoll Warbler 5-9 (1 male) C.U. campus, Boulder (BA); 5-9 (1) Glenmere Park, Greeley, Weld Co. (JC); 5-10 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB); 5-12 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JR); 5-17 (1 male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (DB); 5-17 (1) Colorado Springs SWA (JC).
- Black-and-white Warbler 5-2 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BS); 5-8 (1 male) C.U. campus, Boulder (BA); 5-9 (1 male) So. Platte River near Milliken, Weld Co. (JC); 5-11 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB, PG); 5-12 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (JC).
- Worm-eating Warbler 5-18 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB); 5-28 (1) C.U. campus, Boulder (TJ).
- Northern Waterthrush 5-9 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MJS); 5-9 (1) C.U. campus, Boulder (BA); 5-13 (1) along So. Boulder Creek at corner of Baseline & Cherryvale Rds., Boulder (TJ);
- Mourning Warbler 5-25 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB). Written details submitted (DB).
- Hooded Warbler 5-9 (1 male) C.U. campus, Boulder (BA); 5-12 (1 male) So. Republican SWA, Hale Ponds (JC).
- Hepatic Tanager 5-26 (1 male, 1 female) Mesa de Maya, Las Animas Co. (BS).
- Scarlet Tanager 5-14 (1 female) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JC, BP). Written details provided (JC).
- Northern Cardinal 5-15 (1 male) Dorenkamp's pasture, Holly, Prowers Co. (DB); 5-31 (1 male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (BA).
- Field Sparrow 5-15 (2, heard only) Dorenkamp's pasture, Holly (DB).
- Lark Bunting numbers appear to be very low on Pawnee National Grassland - only 175 counted on 5-31 between Nunn, Grover, Pawnee Buttes, and Briggsdale (JR).
- Harris' Sparrow 5-8 (1 adult) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC, JH).
- Bobolink 5-14 (1 male) Red Lion SWA (JC); 5-18 (24-amazing!) Chatfield S.P. (HK); 5-20 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (MG); 5-26 (5) Elliott SWA, Morgan Co. (BA); 5-28 (2 males) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR).
- Great-tailed Grackle 5-4 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (BS); 5-6 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (HK), written details provided (HK).
- Northern Oriole 5-25 (2 females - "Bullock's" race) Hack Ranch at 9800', Park Co. (CH, KH).
- Rosy Finch 5-30 (25 - "Brown-capped" race) Toll Memorial, Trail Ridge Road, Rocky Mountain N.P. (RH, HH, JL, JR).
- Pine Grosbeak 5-1 (4 males, 2 females) Rabbit Ears Pass, Routt Co. (JC, JH); 5-11 (1 male, 1 female) Many Parks Curve, Rocky Mountain N.P. (JC).

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- JULY 2, Wednesday. Golden Gate State Park. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 AM at Berkley Senior Center, Berkley Park, 46th Ave., east of Sheridan.*
- 5, Saturday. Eldora-Coal Creek. Leader: Diane Brown. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church south lot, off 38th Ave., near Wadsworth.*
- 6, Sunday. McClellan Reservoir & Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:00 AM at Safeway lot, So. Logan and Hampden Ave.*
- 9, Wednesday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (East end). Leader: David Martin (422-9143). Meet at 9:00 PM at east entrance (take 41st west off Kipling). This is an evening walk for Eastern Screech Owl. Call leader if you plan to go.
- 12-13, Sat. & Sun. South Park. 12 - Saturday: Hack Ranch & Georgia Pass. Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Carpool at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, and meet leaders at Jefferson in South Park at 8:30 AM.* 13 - Sunday: Antero Reservoir & South Park. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 8:00 AM at Aspen Leaf Restaurant, south of Fairplay on U.S. 285. Motels at Fairplay or campgrounds nearby. Call leader for information.
- 16, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7431). Meet at 6:30 AM at Park-n-Ride on Wadsworth Blvd., south of U.S. 285.*
- 19, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Carpool 7:00 AM at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th Ave., near Wadsworth. Meet at 9:00 AM at RMNP Headquarters in Estes Park.*
- 20, Sunday. Evergreen & Upper Bear Creek. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Berkley Senior Center, 46th Ave., east of Sheridan Blvd. Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Public Service Company lot, north of Evergreen.*
- 23, Wednesday. Loveland area - plains to foothills. Leader: Jerry Cairo (1-330-7076). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Jim Hamm Nature Area, on County Line Road, south of Hwy. 66, west of Union Reservoir.*
- 26, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake, Summit Lake. Leader: Lynn Wilcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 AM Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Filius Park (Exit I-70 at El Rancho, to Bergen Park).*
- 27, Sunday. Bear Creek - plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory.*
- 30, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet at 7:00 AM at West Gate of Cherry Creek Recreation Area.*

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JUNE 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- JUNE 1, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Crook area, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Bob Andrews. (Clear; wind calm; 50-80°). 75 miles. 10 hours. (94 species, 2007 individuals).
- 1, Sunday. Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Leader: Susie Bisbee. Observers: Wanda Dudek, Alan Hay, Chris Martin, Dick Pautsch. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind calm; 55-71°). 22.8 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (41 species, 475 individuals).
- 4, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CC). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Virginia Edens, Barb Jones, Bill Payne, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to overcast, thunderstorms, moderate rain; wind N, 10-15 MPH; 60°). 23 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours. (48 species, 424 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Sedalia to Palmer Lake (SP). Leader: John Sanden. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Payne, Marge Sanden, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 0-15 MPH; 60-85°). 80 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 9 hours. (57 species, 360 individuals).

- JUNE 8, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park & Vicinity (BL). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: C.W. & Mrs. Kelly, Ann Southcott. (Partly cloudy; wind 0-5 MPH; 55-75°). 66 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 4.5 hours. (56 species, 663 individuals).
- 11, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CH). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Susie Bisbee, Wanda Dudek, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear; wind 3-15 MPH; 45-77°). 20 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 8 hours. (56 species, 505 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Apex Trail (AT). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Phil Hayes, Randy Lentz, Holly Miller, Larry Sanders, Dick Schottler, Claud Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind 0-5 MPH; 55-75°). 4.5 miles on foot. 5 hours. (48 species, 210 individuals). Also - 26 species of flowers.
- 15, Sunday. Bear Creek - plains to foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Terrie Epstein, Pearl Jordan, Hugh Ravatt. (Clear; 50-75°). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours. (40 individuals, 182 individuals).
- 18, Wednesday. Deer Creek Canyon & Chatfield Arboretum (CA). Leader: Roberta Ausfahl. Observers: Jo Anne Bushnell, Karen Bushnell, Wanda Dudek, Pat Keith, Thompson Marsh, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 85°). 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (29 species, 246 individuals).
- 21, Saturday. Reynolds Park, Foxton, Deckers (RPFD). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, David Gulbenkian, Virginia Ham, Al & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Bill Payne, Joe & Norma Shwed, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; warm). 8 hours. (41 species, 160 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Local nesting survey. No report received due to lack of participation.
- 28, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes (BR). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Nancy Denise & Allison Boyd, Joan Bushnell, Alan & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Anna Kieffer, Martha Marshall, Floyd Pendell, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 0-3 MPH; 70-85°). 85 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours. (42 species, 196 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon and Eldora (CCC). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Dan Bridges, Warren Finch, Jan Jameson, Debby Margoshes, David Martin, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Judy Ward. (Overcast becoming mostly cloudy; wind 0-10 MPH; 55-70°). 56 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. (64 species, 555 individuals).

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 NECO PLNS	1 KCR PLN	4 CC PL	7 SP PF	8 BL PL	11 CH PL	14 AT FH	15 BC PF	18 CA FH	21 RPFD MTNS	25 RMNP MTNS	28 BR MT	29 CCC MTS
Pied-billed Grebe					1								
Eared Grebe	1												
Western Grebe	9		20		19	29							
Clark's Grebe	4												
American White Pelican	16				44								
Double-crested Cormorant	12	1	3		62	22		6					
Great Blue Heron	13	1	5	3	13	12		6	4				
Snowy Egret					2								
Black-crowned Night-Heron			4a		14		1						
White-faced Ibis					2								
Canada Goose	70		15	8	55	87		15					2
Wood Duck	4		mg		2								
Green-winged Teal	1				1								
Mallard	23	4	15	2	11	34		8				2	1
Northern Pintail	19				5								
Blue-winged Teal	8		4		5	5							
Cinnamon Teal				3	8	3							
Northern Shoveler	2												
Gadwall	4		9		2			1					

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Redhead	3							3					
Ring-necked Duck													5
Common Merganser	1					26							
Ruddy Duck	14				2								
Turkey Vulture		1		2				1	2	2		3	
Northern Harrier	4					1							
Northern Goshawk										1			1
Cooper's Hawk													1
Accipiter sp.												1	
Swainson's Hawk	1		2		4			2					
Red-tailed Hawk	3			6						2		1	2
"Western" races						2	1		1				
Golden Eagle		3									1		
American Kestrel	7	6	1	1	3	2	2	2				1	
Prairie Falcon	1												
Ring-necked Pheasant	3		4	1H									
Blue Grouse							1m						
White-tailed Ptarmigan											2		
Northern Bobwhite	3												
Virginia Rail			3			1H							
Sora			4	1H									
American Coot	1				5								
Killdeer	44	3	3	6	6	6		2					1
American Avocet	8												
Solitary Sandpiper						1							
Spotted Sandpiper	5	1	3	1		2							1
Upland Sandpiper	4												
White-rumped Sandpiper	50												
Wilson's Phalarope	10												
Franklin's Gull					3								
Ring-billed Gull	4		10		1	31							
California Gull			10		18	4							
Forster's Tern	3												
Black Tern	20												
Rock Dove	23	40	1		5		5	4	8				
Band-tailed Pigeon											2		5
Mourning Dove	106	8	4	8	19	10	7	11	12	1		1	5
Monk Parakeet (E)						1E							
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1												
Great Horned Owl				3	2								
Burrowing Owl	1		1			4							
Common Nighthawk	6			1		2		1					4
Chimney Swift	5												
White-throated Swift		6											
Magnificent Hummingbird											1ma		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1-H		5			2		1	4	4N	7	15
Belted Kingfisher	2		2	2	1	2	1	3					
Red-headed Woodpecker	8												
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1ma												
Red-naped Sapsucker											3N	2N	3
Williamson's Sapsucker											2N		3
Downy Woodpecker	5				2	1		1			2N		
Hairy Woodpecker											1		2
"Rocky Mountain" race				1									
Three-toed Woodpecker											1		
Northern Flicker	18												9
"Red-shafted" race		2	2	4		3	2	5	6	5	3N	5N	

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 NECO PLNS	1 KCR PLN	4 CC PL	7 SP PF	8 BL PL	11 CH PL	14 AT FH	15 BC PF	18 CA FH	21 RPF MTNS	25 RMNP MTNS	28 BR MT	29 CCC MTS
Olive-sided Flycatcher						3						1	
Western Wood-Pewee	1		2	2	1	2		2			2N	2	4
Least Flycatcher	1												
Hammond's Flycatcher											2N		2
Ducky Flycatcher										1	1N	1	
Western Flycatcher				1		1	1			5	2N	3	3
Eastern Phoebe	1												
Say's Phoebe	3	2											
Great Crested Flycatcher	1												
Western Kingbird	80	4	4		30	2	3	1					
Eastern Kingbird	67		3	7	9	4							
Horned Lark	108				9								
Tree Swallow	1		10			4					3		
Violet-green Swallow		42		2		1	5	2	35	5	16N	8	100
No. Rough-winged Swallow	5		1		2	2					4N	8	10
Bank Swallow	1					1							
Cliff Swallow	70	191		52		17	2			2		9	
Barn Swallow	120	7	10	4	6	15	5	2	6	3	2N	10	8
Steller's Jay							12			6	3		4
Blue Jay	7												
Scrub Jay		8		2			1		12				
Clark's Nutcracker											2		5
Black-billed Magpie	8	13	10	5	17	16	10	10	9	2	1	9	2
American Crow	2			4		1	1			3		5	
Common Raven		3						1		1	2	1	3
Black-capped Chickadee	14	1	2		11	3		5	6		1N		
Mountain Chickadee				1			1			3	4	3	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1								2	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1										3		1
Pygmy Nuthatch							1			1	4N	3	3
Brown Creeper									3				
Rock Wren						1	1						2
Canyon Wren		1-H											
House Wren	51	2	20	6	11	22	1	2	3	11	15N	5N	3
American Dipper										2a2i		3	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1			1		50
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1											
Western Bluebird										1	2N		3
Mountain Bluebird				1			1			3	2N	9	10
Townsend's Solitaire							5			3		1	1
Swainson's Thrush	2												4
Hermit Thrush												1	25
American Robin	39	9	5	14	4	15	10	12	14	16	25N	17	40
Gray Catbird	1												
Northern Mockingbird	2												
Brown Thrasher	9												
Water Pipit											15N		10
Loggerhead Shrike	1												
European Starling	22	31	35	3	8	11	5	12		6	2N	3	3
Bell's Vireo	5												
Solitary Vireo				2									
Warbling Vireo	3			3		1	3		1	5	1N	3	12
Virginia's Warbler							3				1		2
Yellow Warbler	13	1	2	11	4	7	5	6	3	1			
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1							8
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Audubon's" race										5	1	1	

JUNE AREA HABITAT	1 NECO PLNS	1 KCR PLN	4 CC PL	7 SP PF	8 BL PL	11 CH PL	14 AT FH	15 BC PF	18 CA FH	21 RPFD MTNS	25 RMNP MTNS	28 BR MT	29 CCC MTS
MacGillivray's Warbler							1			4			
Common Yellowthroat	16		20	8	3	6		2					
Wilson's Warbler											1		16
Yellow-breasted Chat	3				3	6	1	1					
Western Tanager		2	m	2		1		1		9	2	7	5
Black-headed Grosbeak	2	5		4			2	1	2	1	1		4
Blue Grosbeak	2				2								
Lazuli Bunting		6	1m	2		1	10	2	8	3			
Dickcissel	4												
Green-tailed Towhee		1		1			6			2	1		2
Rufous-sided Towhee	8	11		8		1	20		13	1			
Cassin's Sparrow	4												
Chipping Sparrow										5	1		1
Vesper Sparrow		2		3			2						1
Lark Sparrow	14			3	1								
Lark Bunting	85												
Grasshopper Sparrow	14												
Fox Sparrow													2
Song Sparrow		3	10	5		3	2	4		3		2	4
Lincoln's Sparrow													8
White-crowned Sparrow					1						3		30
Dark-eyed Junco				2								1	5
"Gray-headed" race							1				3N		
Bobolink	3												
Red-winged Blackbird	225	7	60	58	56	18		13	47	5		24	3
Western Meadowlark	145	19	40	13	11	17	3	2	6				1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	50		1		84	7							
Brewer's Blackbird			1	6		2	5		5	4		5	20
Common Grackle	58	5	5	9	10	23	5	12	18			6	
Brown-headed Cowbird	52	9	4	31	3	6	7	2	7	5	9	5	3
Orchard Oriole	33												
Northern Oriole													
"Baltimore" race	33												
"Bullock's" race	2	11N	4	2	42	13	7	6	3				
Rosy Finch													
"Brown-capped" race											2		
Pine Grosbeak													6
Cassin's Finch											4		4
House Finch		1	25	8	6		10	4	7				
Pine Siskin				6			5			7	4	8	50
Lesser Goldfinch							15						2
American Goldfinch	4			5	4	11	5		3	2			
Evening Grosbeak										7	1	6	3
House Sparrow	60		20		6		5	6					
TOTAL SPECIES - 169	94	41	48	57	56	56	48	40	29	41	49	42	64

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M; Nests Found=N; Escape=E.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Cattle Egret 6-8 (8) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (DB).
 White-faced Ibis 6-10 (14) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
 Wood Duck 6-12 (4 adults, 35 immatures) along South Platte River near Milliken, Weld Co. (JC,JH);
 6-15 (10) Latham Reservoir (DB).
 Northern Goshawk 6-24 (1 adult) Tolland, Gilpin Co. (DN).

Chukar 6-14 (3) Cameo, Mesa Co. (DN).

Black-necked Stilt 6-10 (3) Latham Reservoir (JC).

Red-necked Phalarope 6-8 (3) Co. Rds. 42 & 45, Weld Co. (JC).

Flammulated Owl First located by Alan & Dee Hay in Golden Gate State Park, Jefferson Co. on 6-11.

Nest located in woodpecker hole (probably Northern Flicker) in aspen tree approximately 25' above ground on 6-18 by Alan Hay. Beginning 6-23, a pair of adult birds were observed busily bringing food to the next hole, which was still continuing on 6-30. NOTE: on behalf of the 44 interested individuals whom Alan & Dee took up to Golden Gate State Park on four occasions to view these owls, a special THANKYOU! It was a real treat.

Northern Pygmy-Owl 6-21 (1, hear-only) Coal Creek Canyon (DN).

Common Poorwill 6-17 (2) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (DN).

Magnificent Hummingbird 6-2 (1 male) Pine Junction, Jefferson Co. (DM, DN).

Rufous Hummingbird 6-28 (1 male) two miles north of Alma, Park Co. (KH).

CORRECTION: The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reported in last month's issue of the Lark Bunting on 5-15 Field Trip was incorrect. The bird should have been reported as a Red-naped Sapsucker.

Please change your Lark Bunting accordingly.

Gray Flycatcher 6-9 (7) Rio Grande National Forest Rds. 660 & 660.3A, Saguache Co. (JR).

Purple Martin 6-1 (1 male, 1 female) McClure Pass, Pitkin/Gunnison Cos. (DN); 6-24 (2 males, 2 females) McClure Pass (DB, JC).

Bank Swallow 6-1 (40, nesting colony) along South Platte River east of Adams Co. Fairgrounds (AS).

Plain Titmouse 6-1 (3) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (DN).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6-1 (4) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (DN); 6-15 (4) Pinyon Grove, Larimer Co. (JC, JH).

Eastern Bluebird 6-7 (nesting pair) Arikaree River, Yuma Co. (DB).

Western Bluebird 6-15 (2 males, 3 females) Rocky Mountain N.P., Larimer Co. (JC, JH).

Veery 6-3 through 6-30 (nesting pair) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DM, DN). Birds observed carrying food to same spot on 6-23. Very unusual for this species to nest on Colorado's eastern plains; 6-14 (1) Manitou Lake, Teller Co. (DB).

Gray Catbird 6-25 (1) along Animas River, La Plata Co. (JC).

Northern Mockingbird 6-1 (1) along South Platte River east of Adams Co. Fairgrounds (AS); 6-19 (4) Co. Rds. 105 & 136, Weld Co., very close to Wyoming/Nebraska state line (JC, JH).

Brown Thrasher 6-8 (2 adults at nest) east side of Morrison Formation hogback, ½ mile north of Bellevue Ave., Jefferson Co. (AS).

Bendires Thrasher 6-10 (1, singing adult) intersection of Rio Grande National Forest Rds. 660 & 660.3A, Saguache Co. Written documentation (JR). Color photographs obtained (HH); 6-21 (2-4?) 6 miles NNW of Del Norte on Route 660, Saguache Co. (DB, PG). Bendire's Thrashers are certainly in this general area of the Rio Grande National Forest. However, caution should be exercised as Sage Thrashers are also present in the area in fairly good numbers and could easily be mistaken as Bendire's Thrashers. Songs of the two species are quite similar. Look for Bendire's Thrashers in Pinyon/Scrub habitat on hill tops. Sage Thrashers prefer adjacent lower terrain in sage areas devoid of Pinyons. But habitats are not necessarily diagnostic (JR).

Northern Parula 6-6 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).

Black-throated Gray Warbler 6-1 (5) above Glenwood Springs (DN).

Black-and-white Warbler 6-6 (1, singing male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).

American Redstart 6-1 (1 female) west end of Beaverbrook Trail near Buffalo at I-70 (PE).

Indigo Bunting 6-12 (1, singing male) South Platte River near Milliken (JC, JH).

Dickcissel 6-7 (3) along Arikaree River, Yuma Co. (DB).

Sage Sparrow 6-15 (3) along Mesa Co. Rd. 2, two miles east of Utah state line (DN).

Fox Sparrow 6-1 (1, singing) McClure Pass (DN); 6-21 (1, singing) Hessie Townsite, Boulder Co. (DN); 6-24 (1, singing) ½ mile east of Tolland, Gilpin Co. (DN); 6-29 (3, singing) two miles north of Alma, Park Co. (KH).

Bobolink 6-12 (1 male, 1 female) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MJS).

Orchard Oriole 6-12 (2 males) South Platte River near Milliken (JC, JH).

Scott's Oriole 6-15 (3 males, 1 immature male, 1 female) US HWys 6 & 50, ½ mile east of Utah state line (DN); 6-24 (1 male) Colorado National Monument, Mesa Co. (JC).

Red Crossbill 6-19 (2) Weld Co. Rds. 105 & 136 (JC, JH).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Jerry Cairo (JC), Peter Gent (PG), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Alan & Dee Hay (ADH), Joe Himmel (JH), Harold Holt (HH), David Martin (DM), Duane Nelson (DN), Jack Reddall (JR), Mary Jane Schock (MJS), Aaron Sell (AS).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However the editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1986:

- AUGUST 2, Saturday. Buena Vista area. Leaders: Ruth Breckon (455-0970) and Don & Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 6:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of the Burlington Coat Factory.*
- 3, Sunday. Longmont, Loveland, Lyons. Leader: Bill Prather (1-776-2191). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. Meet leader at 7:30 AM at the Jim Hamm Nature Area, south of CO HWY 66 on County Line Road (across from Union Reservoir west side).*
- 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Carpool at 6:00 AM at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot. Meet a 6:30 AM at Barr Lake. Trip will start from visitor center.*
- 10, Sunday. Pawnee Grassland. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 AM at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north lot.*
- 16, Saturday. Plains Conservation Center & Raptor Study. Leader: Virginia Edens (693-3631). Meet at 7:00 AM at Cherry Creek Safeway lot, 3110 East 1st Ave. between St. Paul and Steele, or meet at the Center, 21901 East Hampden Ave. A \$2.00 contribution desired. Grasshopper Sparrow can be found here.*
- 17, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church 6:15 AM (south lot at 38th Ave. & Wadsworth). Meet leader at 7:00 AM at the Basemar Center, Baseline & Broadway in Boulder (lot next to closed Pancake House).*
- 23, Saturday. Bailey, Guanella Pass, Georgetown. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest of Burlington Coat Factory, Sheridan & Hampden.*
- 24, Sunday. Northeast Colorado. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM at Airport Budget Motel, northe of I-70 on Chambers Road.*
- 30-31, Sat. & Sun. - Labor Day Weekend. Arkansas Valley Lakes: Cheraw, Blue Reservoir, Nee So Pa, and Baca County. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). Meet at 9:00 AM at Ordway, CO at the Diamond Shamrock Station. Call leader if going. Carpooling arranged. Plan to camp or motel at Springfield.

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September 2, 1986

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JULY 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

JULY 2, Wednesday. Golden Gate Canyon and State Park (GGC/SP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Sue Checchio, Bob & Helen Geick, David Gulbenkian, Virginia Ham, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Freda Krolik, Bill Payne, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler, Jane Worrhaye. (Clear; wind calm; 65-90°). 55 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours. (54 species, 202 individuals).

3-6, Thursday through Sunday. West side of Sangre de Cristo Mountain: Sand Creek, Rito Alto Creek (south and north of Crestone) from high plains to 10,000' in mountains (SDCW). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny mornings, rainy afternoons; wind 0-25 MPH; 50-90°). 500 total trip mileage, 20 miles on foot. 25 hours. (49 species, 717 individuals).

- JULY 5, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon, Pinecliffe, Eldora, Nederland (CCKC). Leader: Diane Brown. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Randy Lentz, Bill Payne, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast in morning, partly cloudy afternoon; wind 3-12 MPH; 57-75°). 90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7½ hours. (52 species, 196 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Daniels Park, Reynolds Reservoir, East Ranch (DP). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Virginia Edens, Mel Gabel, John & Marge Sanden, Mort Staatz, (Clear; wind, NW, 5 MPH; 60-75°). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (58 species, 307 individuals).
- 11-13, Friday through Sunday. East side of Sangre de Cristo Mountains: Huerfano River and Macey Creek from high plains to 10,500' in mountains (SDCE). Observer: Dan Bridges (Mostly sunny, light rain Saturday afternoon; wind 0-25 MPH; 50-80°). 425 total trip mileage, 7 miles on foot. 15 hours of birdwatching. (49 species, 542 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Georgia Pass; Hack Ranch; Park County (HR). Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Sue Checchio, Warren Finch, Virginia Ham, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Payne, Joe Tenbrink, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy; windy; cold). 19 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8½ hours. (38 species, 417 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Fairplay, Antero Reservoir, Buffalo Springs Campground (FAB). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Hazel Kellogg, Sylvia Sather, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy in morning, clear in afternoon; wind, SW, 0-15 MPH, 40-70°). 64 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. 6½ hours. (46 species, 1710 individuals).
- 16, Wednesday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Wanda Dudek, David Gulbenkian, Becky Sampson, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe Tenbrink. (Sunny; wind 0-8 MPH; 65-90°). 7 hours. 21 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (49 species, 829 individuals).
- 16, Wednesday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: David Martin. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bob and Helen Geick, Margret Geick, Byron and Wendy Giezentanner, David Gulbenkian, Virginia Ham, Alan and Dee Hay, Maurene Holt, Norman and Linda Lewis, Gene McGuire, Harold and Betty Oliver, Bill Payne, Joe and Norma Shwed. (Wind calm; 77°). 1 hour. (9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.). (3 Eastern Screech-Owls found - 1 adult and 2 immatures).
- 19, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RM). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Phyllis Eggleston, Byron Giezentanner, Virginia Ham, Pearl Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Joe & Norma Shwed, Shirley Spencer, Helen Tripp, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (40 species, 176 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Evergreen Area (EVER). Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Susan Checchio, Bill Elliott, Margi Elliott, Dick Guadagno, Patty Hodgins, Ron Huston, Dick Pautsch, Bill Payne, Bob & Sylvia Robertson & daughter, Joe Tenbrink, Fran Wafer, Bill Wafer, Buck Yoder, Susie Yoder. (Overcast most all day, ending in rain). 14 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours. (46 species, 182 individuals).
- 23, Wednesday. Berthoud area Lakes, Buckhorn Canyon to Pennock Pass (BLBCPP). Leader: Jerry Cairo. Observers: Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Thompson Marsh, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny on plains, partly cloudy with rain in foothills and mountains; wind calm). 110 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. (84 species, 894 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake, Summit Lake (ES). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Lori Chappell, Susan Checchio, Elizabeth Collins (Nashville, TN), Warren Finch, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Dick Schottler, Joe & Norma Shwed, Joe Tenbrink, Verna Timm (Tacoma, WA), Claud Vallieres. (Clear to partly cloudy; 45-70°) 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (37 species, 120 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Bear Creek - Plains to Foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Mike DeHarte, Irv Jackson, Ann Kelly, Chris Kelly, Verna Timm, Tim Maguire, Terry Maguire. (Clear; wind calm; 60-85°). 30 miles by car, 4½ miles on foot. 7 hours. (47 species, 223 individuals).

JULY 30, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CC). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ivan Carter, Ron Carter, Chuck & Emily Durham, Don & Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Toby Titman, Cheryl Venette. (Mostly clear; wind calm; 58-79°). 5½ miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5½ hours. (42 species, 370 individuals).

JULY AREA HABITAT	2 GGC/SP FH MTN	3-6 SDCW MTNS	5 CCKC MTNS	6 DP FH	11-13 SDCE MTNS	12 HG MT	13 FAB MTN	16 CSP PLN	19 RM MA	20 EVER MTNS	23 BLBCPP PL F/M	26 ES MA	27 BC PF	30 CC PL
Pied-billed Grebe				6					5					
Eared Grebe											2			
Western Grebe				6			60	2			28			51
Clark's Grebe											1			3
American White Pelican											20			
Double-crested Cormorant				3			80	63			42		8	
Great Blue Heron			3	2			12	31		5	5		4	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron											1		2	4
White-faced Ibis							1							
Canada Goose			2	18			250	123			75		8	
Green-winged Teal						6					1			
Mallard		15		1	15		40	43	6	10	10		8	4
Cinnamon Teal				1										
Gadwall	1						5							
Redhead								6					2	
Ring-necked Duck			3a4i											
Bufflehead							1fe							
Turkey Vulture				1	2						3		1	
Northern Harrier				1										
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1									
Northern Goshawk										1				
Swinson's Hawk						1					2			
Red-tailed Hawk			1	3	3				1	1		1		
"Western" races	2						1						1	
Buteo sp.													1	
Golden Eagle													2	
American Kestrel	1	3		9				1			1	2	5	4
Ring-necked Pheasant											1			3
Blue Grouse									1a1i					
White-tailed Ptarmigan									1					
Virginia Rail								1-H					2	
Sora										1	2			
American Coot							10				4			
Killdeer	2			2	1	1	32	14			11		10	2
American Avocet							30				10			
Lesser Yellowlegs											4			
Spotted Sandpiper		2	3a3i	3	1			1	2		2		2	
Long-billed Curlew								1						
Semipalmated Sandpiper											1			
Western Sandpiper							3				2			
Least Sandpiper							1				1			
Common Snipe					2	4	2							
Wilson's Phalarope							3				1			
Franklin's Gull											20			
Ring-billed Gull								35			3		6	12
California Gull							300	7			6		1	
Forster's Tern											8		2	
Rock Dove	3			7							8		4	2
Band-tailed Pigeon			2											
Mourning Dove	4		40	7	2	1			3	4	12	10	7	10
Great Horned Owl				2					1					
Burrowing Owl									5					3

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Northern Saw-whet Owl				2	1			1						
Common Nighthawk			4		1		8	2			55			
White-throated Swift			4								4			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5N	2	50	9	7	15	4	8	3	6	2	8	10	
Rufous Hummingbird												1		
Belted Kingfisher				1				3		1			3	
Lewis' Woodpecker											1			
Red-naped Sapsucker		3N	5	4		2			5					
Williamson's Sapsucker						2		3	1	1		4		
Downy Woodpecker				1		1			2	2	2	1		2
Hairy Woodpecker			3	1		2							1	1
Northern Flicker										2	2	3		
"Red-shafted" race		2	35	5	4	35	9	6	3	3		1	12	7
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					1			1				
Western Wood-Pewee	2	2	6	3	9	3	6	2	10	2	10	8	1	2
Hammond's Flycatcher				1									2	
Dusky Flycatcher			4			2			1N					
Western Flycatcher	1		3	2				1		4		14	2	
Empidonax sp.						1								
Western Kingbird	1			4				6			6	4	1	3
Eastern Kingbird				1				5				1		
Horned Lark						4	140		2		2	1	2	
Tree Swallow		10N		9		65		2	16	1		4	1	2
Violet-green Swallow	3		75	4	4	40		4		1	18	28	2	1
No. Rough-winged Swallow				1								6		
Bank Swallow													2	21
Cliff Swallow	7			20		75	500	153			150			26
Barn Swallow	1	3N		10	4		2	9	2	10	12	10	10	30
Gray Jay						2		2				5		
Steller's Jay	1	1	2	3	2				4	2		1	3	1
Blue Jay													3	
Scrub Jay			2	2										
Pinyon Jay			12											
Clark's Nutcracker			2			1		1	9			4		
Black-billed Magpie	2		3	1	15	2		10	4		4	3	15	6
American Crow	1			1		2	2		1	4		5	6	
Common Raven		3	3	7	3	5	1	2	6	2		4		
Black-capped Chickadee				8				6			2		4	
Mountain Chickadee		3N	30	2		15	2	6	6	3		4	2	
Bushtit			25											
White-breasted Nuthatch		2N	1	5	5		2			3		1		
Pygmy Nuthatch		2N	8		1					8		2	3	
Brown Creeper					1							1		
Rock Wren	3							3						
House Wren		4N	25	3	3	25	6	13	7	1		1		1
American Dipper			5	1		2			5			1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet			3						1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	1		12	17		3	2		1	4	
Western Bluebird					5			1		2		2	3	
Mountain Bluebird	1	4N	5	4	5	2	6	35		1		4	2	
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2	1							2		3	2	
Swainson's Thrush			1	2					1					
Hermit Thrush			40	1		30	15							
American Robin	3N	2	80	6	24	70	9	6	5	8	1	2	9	7
Sage Thrasher													1	12
Water Pipit												4		
Cedar Waxwing									17			8		

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European Starling	6		2	1	10			118		4	12	4	1	16	6
Solitary Vireo	1								4	1					
Warbling Vireo	3	2	60	3	1	40	6	1				3			1
Virginia's Warbler												3			
Yellow Warbler			30	5	1	4	6	7		1		2	12		
Yellow-rumped Warbler										1		1			
"Audubon's" race			10	3		25	4	1ma	4						
MacGillivray's Warbler			7	1		2									
Common Yellowthroat					1			1			7	1		5	5
Wilson's Warbler							3		1						
Yellow-breasted Chat	2				2			3							1
Western Tanager	4		30	2		4			4	2		1		2	
Black-headed Grosbeak			5	1	2	2		3				2			
Blue Grosbeak												1			
Lazuli Bunting	4		5	1	1	1		1				25			
Green-tailed Towhee	2		25	2		25				1			2		
Rufous-sided Towhee	6		20	2	5							4			
Chipping Sparrow	1		10	7	6	3				1			4	1	
Vesper Sparrow			15	1	15		1	2							
Lark Sparrow	1				2										
Savannah Sparrow							60	22				2	4		
Song Sparrow	2	1		5	1	5	2		2		6		2		10
Lincoln's Sparrow		2		3		10	8			6		1	2		
White-crowned Sparrow				2		30	9	4		7			8		
Dark-eyed Junco															
"Gray-headed" race		2	1	2		15	6	2		6			1		
Red-winged Blackbird	2	4		22	10	3		40	9	7	6	40	12		20
Western Meadowlark	2		2	3	5	2		3	7			12	2	7	12
Yellow-headed Blackbird								2				25			1
Brewer's Blackbird		8		4			6	12	70		2	1	2		
Common Grackle	9			1	1		3		18			2		6	13
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	1		9	5	7	1	18		9	4	4	6		
Northern Oriole															
"Bullock's" race	2N			4					5			1	1	5	4
Rosy Finch															
"Brown-capped" race														8	
Pine Grosbeak							3								
Cassin's Finch				1			7	4						2	
House Finch	2				8				1		6	2	2	14	40
Red Crossbill								22							
Pine Siskin	5	3	2	15		75	55	20			20		22	9	
Lesser Goldfinch	11		4		2				7	1			4		2
American Goldfinch					5				6				6		2
Evening Grosbeak												10		1	
House Sparrow	4				8		1				6	4	4	1	2
TOTAL SPECIES - 146	54		49	52	58	49	38	46	49	40	46	84		37	45

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M; Alpine=A.

ADDITIONAL JULY 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Clark's Grebe 7-23 (2) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC,JH).
 Snowy Egret All month (5) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC,JH).
 Green-backed Heron 7-19 (1 adult) Chatfield State Park (near Waterton), Jefferson Co. (FJJ).
 Redhead All month (1 male, 1 female, 4 young) Latham Reservoir (JC,JH).

Common Merganser 7-1 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (JR).
 Mississippi Kite 7-13 (1 adult) 1748 S. Van Gordon Ct., Lakewood (DS). Good written details submitted and similar species eliminated.
 Blue Grouse 7-20 (4 adults, 8 immatures) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH).
 Black-necked Stilt 7-27 (2 adults, 2 young) Latham Reservoir (JC, JH).
 Monk Parakeet Seen regularly during most of June; last seen 7-6 (1, very ragged appearing bird) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR). Most likely an escape!
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7-21 (1) along South Platte River at Co. Rd. 61, Weld Co. (JC, JH).
 Flammulated Owl 7-7 (2 adults bringing food to nest hole) Golden Gate S.P., Jefferson Co. (AH); 7-17 (1 adult feeding fledged young bird) Golden Gate S.P. (AH).
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 7-18 & 7-19 (1, heard calling only) near Critchell (AH); 7-20 (1, observed) near Critchell (AH).
 Calliope Hummingbird 7-30 (1 male, 1 female) near Pennox Pass, Larimer Co. (JC).
 Rufous Hummingbird Only a one report of a single bird (see Field Trip for 7-27). Are they scarce this year?
 Red-headed Woodpecker 7-10 (2 adults, carrying food to a nest hole in cottonwood) 41st & Oxford, Boulder Co. (TJ).
 Veery 7-17 (1) South Fork of Poudre River, Larimer Co. (JC, JH).
 Western Tanager 7-21 (1 male) South Platte River near Milliken, Weld Co. (JC, JH).
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-25 (2, first fall females) along north side of Chatfield - Waterton Trail near Kingfisher bridge, Jefferson Co. (DO).
 Indigo Bunting All month (1 pair), South Platte River near Milliken (JC, JH).
 Great-tailed Grackle 7-13 (1 male) Weld Co. Rds. 45 & 46 (JC). Written documentation submitted.
 Rosy Finch (sub-species not mentioned) 7-27 (1 male) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (JC, JH).
 Red Crossbill 7-1 (1 male) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (JR).

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FOLLOW-UP REPORT

In the March 1986 (Volume 21, Number 6) issue of the Lark Bunting, a single, adult Iceland Gull was reported as occurring at Cherry Creek Reservoir in Arapahoe Co. from January 22 through February 4, 1986. As mentioned in the Lark Bunting, a well-documented, written report was prepared by the person who first located the bird. This written report was submitted to out-of-state individuals familiar with the intricacies of field identification and separation of Thayer's Gulls and Iceland Gulls (as well as hybrids) for confirmation, since this occurrence would constitute a new species for Colorado. We have received correspondence back from the individuals who reviewed the written documentation. It is their considered opinion that this record not be accepted (even though the "description sounds intriguing") due primarily to the fact that the observer (or observers?) were unable to see and describe the color of the orbital ring. It was also felt that more independent, objective observers should have observed this bird and prepared documentation on it; that recognizable, color photographs should have been obtained; or, better yet, that the bird had been collected. Because of the foregoing, it is in the best interest of all concerned (even those who saw it and counted it) to consider the occurrence as invalid, but be aware of the possibility that more "white-winged" gulls will occur in future winter months, and when one is found, take the necessary steps to get the proper documentation required to adequately identify the bird and remember: gull plumages show great variability which even many experts don't know a whole lot about (hybridization apparently is commonplace, "runt" individuals are being reported, and many specimens in the hands of professional ornithologists are being debated as to which species they belong). So take careful notes when you find a "suspicious" gull and don't jump to conclusions just to report a new bird or add one to your list. AND GET OTHERS OUT TO SEE IT!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1986:

- SEPTEMBER 6, Saturday. Rigli Ranch & Prairie Habitats. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Denver Museum of Natural History, or at 7:45 AM at Pepperpod Restaurant at Hudson.*
- 7, Sunday. Sedalia, Plum Creek, Castlewood. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 AM at Safeway lot, Hwy 285 & So. Logan, or at 8:15 AM at Sedalia.*

FALL COUNT

13, Saturday:

- Bear Creek: Leader, Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 6:30 AM, Bear Valley Shopping Center, May D&F, at Sheridan & US 285.
- Red Rocks Park: Leader, Allen Stokes (744-7455). Meet at 6:30 AM, Best Store (was LaBelles), 6th & Kipling. ½ day trip, but bring lunch.
- Chatfield State Park: Leader, Jan Justice (936-4547). Call leader.
- Waterton: Leader, Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 AM, Park & Ride, US 285 & S. Wadsworth, or at Waterton Bridge at 6:45 AM.
- Barr Lake: Leader, Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 6:00 AM, East gate. Strenuous 8-10 mile hike.

14, Sunday:

- Barr Lake Periphery: Leader, Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 7:00 AM, Bromley Lane & Piccadilly Road.
- Cherry Creek Reservoir: Leader, Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 AM, West gate (by Cherry Creek High School).

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- 20, Saturday. Boulder Area. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church at W. 38th Ave. & Wadsworth, at 6:30 AM, or meet leader in Boulder at BaseMar Shopping Center, Hwy 93 (Broadway & Baseline, east of closed Pancake House at 7:15 AM.*

- 21, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143). Meet at 7:00 AM at Prospect Park, W. 44th Ave., west of Kipling. ½ day.

- 27, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes. Leaders: Diana & Donald Mullineaux. (237-5794). Meet at 8:00 AM at Sloans Lake, W. 25th Ave. & Sheridan.*

- 28, Sunday. Northeast Colorado. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM at Airport Budget Motel on Chambers Road, north of I-70.*

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AUGUST 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- August 2, Saturday. Buena Vista area (BV). Leaders: Ruth Breckon, Don & Jo Shrode.
Observers: Virginia Ham, Mary Jane Schock, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear becoming cloudy;
wind, 0-12 MPH; 55°-80°). 270 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 11 hours.
(59 species, 635 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Longmont, Loveland & Lyons (LLL). Prather: Bill Prather. Observers: John
Prather, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Judy
on Clear; wind, calm; 70°-88°).
90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours.
(100 species, 1282 individuals)

- August 5, Tuesday. Bailey, Grant & Guanella Pass; return to Grant, Kenosha Pass, Jefferson, Michigan Creek campground and top of Georgia Pass (PC).
Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming mostly cloudy with afternoon rain showers; wind, NW 5-20 MPH; 28°-69°). 100 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 11 hours. (48 species, 375 individuals)
- 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park & Periphery (BAR). Leader: Judy Ward.
Observers: Vi & Henry Bossman, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Irving Jackson, Pearl Jordon, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Righter, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler.
(Clear becoming partly cloudy; wind, 0-10 MPH; 65°-87°). 45 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10 hours. (76 species, 2650 individuals)
- 10, Sunday. Latham Reservoir & Pawnee National Grassland (P/L). Leader: Ben Moore.
Observers: Billie Howe, Estes Howe, Ann Kelly, C.W. Kelly, Randy Lentz, Claude Vallieres. (Wind, light & variable; 53°-83°). 183 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 13 hours. (73 species, 1375 individuals)
- 11, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Sterling, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuges" (NEC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming mostly cloudy in afternoon; wind, variable 5-15 MPH; 65°-93°). 381 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 14 hours. (82 species, 3727 individuals)
- 15, Friday. Northcentral Colorado: Cherry Creek SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Chatfield S.P., Red Rocks Park, Genesee Mountain Park, Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 18 & 53 and 6 & 61 (NCCO).
Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 60°-95°). 250 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 14 hours. (106 species, 8284 individuals)
- 16, Saturday. Plains Conservation Center (PCC). Leader: Virginia Edens.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, Phyllis Caswell, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Freda Krolik, Ben Moore, Bill Payne, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Wind, calm; 94°) 6 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours. (34 species, 270 individuals)
- 17, Sunday. Boulder area: Chataqua Park, Gregory Canyon, Walden Ponds and Lafayette area (BOLDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Irving Jackson, D.W. King, Bob Righter, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear, wind, 0-5 MPH; 68°-90°). 43 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours. (69 species, 1132 individuals)
- 23, Saturday. Bailey, Grant, Guanella Pass, Georgetown (GUAN). Leader: Bob Spencer.
Observers: Ron Carter, Phyllis Eggleston (Anchorage, AK), Alan & Dee Hay, Irving Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Bill Payne, Jack Reddall, Shirley Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy becoming overcast with afternoon thundershowers; wind, W 10-15 MPH; 58°-75°). 120 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours. (46 species, 402 individuals)
- 24, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Hudson, Prospect Reservoir; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61, 6 & 67 and 18 & 53; Latham Reservoir; Gilcrest, Brighton and Barr Lake S.P. (NCCO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Dan Bridges, Ron Carter, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink, Judy Ward. (Partly cloudy; wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 65°-89°). 182 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 11 hours. (91 species, 16,614 individuals)

August 30/31, Saturday & Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Lake Meredith, Cheraw, Blue Lake, Lake Hasty, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Lamar City Park, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, Two Buttes Reservoir (SECOL). Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Virginia Bleck, Phyllis Eggleston (Anchorage, AK), Alan & Dee Hay, Ken LaBorde, Randy Lentz, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink. (Mostly sunny Saturday, partly to mostly cloudy Sunday; wind, 0-15 MPH; 50°-90°). 730 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 23 hours of birding. (110 species, 2556 individuals)

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	2 BV MT	3 LLL PLN	5 PC MA	9 BAR PLN	10 P/L PLN	11 NEC PLN	15 NCCO PLFH	16 PCC PLN	17 BOLDER FH PLN	23 GUAN MTNS	24 NCCO PLNS	30/31 SECOL PLAIN
Pied-billed Grebe	1	8		23	3	3	8		24		20	8
Eared Grebe											3	4
Western Grebe		300		25	4	11	100				320	50
Clark's Grebe		50?		1								5
American White Pelican		7		96	8	210	5		6		223	25
Double-crested Cormorant		4		25	9	5	220		14		100	75
American Bittern											1	
Great Blue Heron		15		11	3	35	10		4		30	20
Great Egret						1ad						
Snowy Egret					2	1	4				12	7
Cattle Egret					25		36				150	5
Black-crowned Night Heron		4				2ad	4				1ad	3
White-faced Ibis											12	25
Snow Goose ("White" form)												2
Canada Goose		72		180	27	400	300		42		360	20
Wood Duck				1			6					
Green-winged Teal		20		16		35	50		4		100	
Mallard	6	50		175	12	65	400	3	70		6000	150
Northern Pintail					4	100	25				1000	50
Blue-winged Teal		10		18	38	125	225	2			650	100
Cinnamon Teal				4	4		80				75	
Blue-winged Teal				30					32			
Northern Shoveler		4		2	2	3	30				100	5
Gadwall				10			2		16		5	250
American Wigeon		2		4							3	
Redhead		4		2			25		4			50
Lesser Scaup												3
Ruddy Duck							30				10	10
Turkey Vulture	3						60		3			40
Mississippi Kite												9
Northern Harrier			16		4	26e	16e	1			661i	7
Cooper's Hawk										1		1
Northern Goshawk	1									1		
Swainson's Hawk	9	2	1	9	6	13	12	3			18	30
Red-tailed Hawk	5				2			1				4
"Western" races			2			5	6		1	2	1	3
Ferruginous Hawk					1			3			2ali	
Golden Eagle												1im
American Kestrel		6		2	9	20	7	9	2		6	10
Peregrine Falcon											1ad	
Prairie Falcon					1		1				2	
Ring-necked Pheasant					1		26e					1

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Downy Woodpecker	6	1		7	1							1
"Eastern" races						4					2	
Hairy Woodpecker	2											2
"Rocky Mountain" race							2					
Three-toed Woodpecker			1									
Northern Flicker						18						
"Red-shafted" race	9	2	13		2		3		5 3	1	1	5
Olive-side Flycatcher			5									
Western Wood Pewee	1	5	2	4	14	1	15		5	2	1	3
Willow Flycatcher			1							2		
Dusky Flycatcher									1			1-?
Western Flycatcher									1	1	1	
Empidonax species	1											
Eastern Phoebe												1im
Say's Phoebe						1			1			3
Great Crested Flycatcher												1
Cassin's Kingbird												1
Western Kingbird		6		45	34	80	90	9	20		125	30
Eastern Kingbird		2		14	12	60	3	15			13	6
Horned Lark	24	2		4	64	3	15	32			50	10
Tree Swallow			25	2								
Violet-green Swallow	18	4	6				5			1		
No. Rough-winged Swallow				4	2						7	
Bank Swallow				10			2				2	
Cliff Swallow	73	20	10	30		3	25					10
Barn Swallow	57	42	3	150	58	450	425	25	75	2	430	30
Gray Jay	4		3									
Steller's Jay	3		2				5		15	8		
Blue Jay		2			2	5						
Scrub Jay							5					4
Pinyon Jay	21											2
Clark's Nutcracker	5		10							45		
Black-billed Magpie	10	2		14	8	9	16	7	2 10	1	8	20
American Crow	23		5	1			4		1		1	3
Chihuahuan Raven												4
Common Raven	1		7				5		1	10		
Black-capped Chickadee		4		22	4	25	5		2		1	
Mountain Chickadee	16		4				11		7	8		
Bushtit												5
Red-breasted Nuthatch	13						1		2			
White-breasted Nuthatch	3					4	3		2	3		
Pygmy Nuthatch			5				10		4	7		
Nuthatch sp.												1-H
Brown Creeper									2			
Rock Wren			1									10
Canyon Wren							3					5
Bewick's Wren												3
House Wren	7	2	1	18	4	25	10	1	1	4	1	1
Marsh Wren				1	6						9	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1									
Western Bluebird							9			1ma		
Mountain Bluebird	72		35				4			17		

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Townsend's Solitaire	7								1	1		
Hermit Thrush	1		3									
American Robin	10	10	35	1	4	4	11	3	25	2	8	1
Gray Catbird		2										15
Northern Mockingbird					4							
Sage Thrasher							2	6				
Brown Thrasher						4						4
Curve-billed Thrasher												2
Cedar Waxwing		4										
Loggerhead Shrike				1	5	5		4			11	8
European Starling		50		260	48	35	130	4	10	125	10	275
Bell's Vireo						7						50
Solitary Vireo									4			
"Plumbeous" race							2					
Warbling Vireo	3			1		1				3a2i		
Philadelphia Vireo												1imD
Red-eyed Vireo		1					1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler			1									
Virginia's Warbler									3			
Yellow Warbler		4	1	18	4	5	5	1		2	2	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7											
"Audubon's" race			15				1				30	
Townsend's Warbler										1fe		
MacGillivray's Warbler									2	3		1
Common Yellowthroat		2			1	20	2		2			
Wilson's Warbler	2		20						2	2m3f		4
Yellow-breasted Chat						7						2
Western Tanager		4								7		1fe
Black-headed Grosbeak				1ma			1m1f		2	2fe		1im
Blue Grosbeak		2		1mf		1im						5im
Lazuli Bunting		1				1	1m1f					
Green-tailed Towhee	3						1				1	
Rufous-sided Towhee									12			
"Eastern" races						4ma						
"Spotted" races							25					
Brown Towhee												15
Chipping Sparrow	2	25		35	4		50	1	15	10	50	1
Brewer's Sparrow			1		4		1	4			1	
Vesper Sparrow	1		2		24		20	34			1	
Lark Sparrow		20	4	12	38	45	25	1		2	2	35
Lark Bunting		4		2	58	25	300	1		6	325	800
Savannah Sparrow	2		6									
Grasshopper Sparrow						15						
Song Sparrow	1						1				2	
Lincoln's Sparrow			20								3	
White-crowned Sparrow	2											
"Eastern" race			30								30	
Dark-eyed Junco												
"Gray-headed" race	12		5				1				20	
McCown's Longspur					6							
Chestnut-collared Longspur					6							
Red-winged Blackbird	23	30	25	25	28	40	80	7	15		100	5
Western Meadowlark	3	6	1	6	24	50	35	24	6		35	25
Yellow-headed Blackbird		100		90	48	10	10		45		245	5

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Brewer's Blackbird	31		5	4	2		40			1fe	40	
Common Grackle		20		47	22	35	15		20		300	8
Brown-headed Cowbird	3		1i		4	35	2im	23		1im	3	
Orchard Oriole						6fe						
Northern Oriole		2										
"Bullock's" race				5	4	20		7				
Pine Grosbeak			1m							1m1f		
Cassin's Finch	1		8									
House Finch	15	10		4			15	1	5	4		
Red Crossbill										6		
Pine Siskin	32	2	25				4		2	30		
Lesser Goldfinch		20					28					
American Goldfinch				2	8	50	15		1	1	3	2
Evening Grosbeak										50		
House Sparrow	15	100		150	68	130	110	2	10	40	1	700
TOTAL SPECIES - 201	59	70	48	76	73	82	106	34	69	46	91	110

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima;
Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FOOT,
FHL, FH, F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN, MT, M; Alpine=A; Introduced into area=I;
Includes 1 dead adult bird=#; Written documentation submitted=D.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

American Bittern 8-10 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (BR).
Green-backed Heron 8-7 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH); 8-19 (1 adult) Clear
Creek behind Twin Lakes at Broadway (FS).
White-faced Ibis 8-24 (1) Barr Lake, S.P., Adams Co. (AS).
Cooper's Hawk 8-19 (1) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH); 8-7 (1) Golden Gate S.P.,
Jefferson Co. (AH).
Wild Turkey 8-14 (17) Mt. Falcon Park, Jefferson Co. (RC).
Sora 8-24 (1 adult) Small pond on top of Kenosha Pass, elev. 10,001', Park Co. (KL).
Semipalmated Plover 8-5 (2) Empire Reservoir, Weld Co. (BR).
Piping Plover 8-11 (1, winter plumaged adult) Plum Creek delta, Chatfield S.P.,
Douglas Co. (KL). Written documentation submitted (KL). Seen again on 8-12 (DB, AH, DM,
DW, JW).
Lesser Yellowlegs 8-20 (2) Clear Creek at Broadway (FS).
Semipalmated Sandpiper 8-5 (3 juvenals) Empire Reservoir (BR).
Short-billed Dowitcher 8-10 (1 juvenal, 2 immatures - ?, 27 adults). C.F. & I. Lakes,
Pueblo Co. (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB). If correct, this probably
surpass the entire total of all Short-billed Dowitchers cumulatively reported for
Colorado since the first record was collected in 1909 (only two specimens in collection
at the Denver Museum of Natural History through 1965). Sight records have increased in
recent years with some open to question (JR).
Least Tern 8-2 (1) Blue Lake, Kiowa Co. (DB).
Greater Roadrunner 8-3 (1) Carrizo Creek, Baca Co. (DB).
Calliope Hummingbird 8-4 (1 female) near Critchell (AH); 8-9 (1 female) Valley View
Hot Spring, Saguache Co. (DB).
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 8-2 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HS).
Sage Thrasher 8-9 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).

Virginia's Warbler 8-20 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH); 8-21 (1 adult, 1 immature) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
Townsend's Warbler 8-15 (1 immature) Barr Lake S.P. (BR); 8-20 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (AH).
Northern Waterthrush 8-21 (1) Chatfield S.P. (AH).
Summer Tanager 8-20 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB).
Blue Grosbeak 8-10 (1 male) Co. Rds. 59 & 72, Weld Co. (AH).
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 8-16 (2, heard only), Jesus Canyon, Las Animas Co. (DB).
Field Sparrow 8-2 (3) Dorenkamp's Pasture near Holly, Prowers Co. (DB).
White-winged Crossbill 8-12 (1 male, 1 female) West Grouse Trail near Minturn, Eagle Co. (BR).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Ron Carter (RC), Alan Hay (AH), Ken LaBorde (KL), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Richter (BR), Aaron Sell (AS), Helen Singer (HS), Frances Sperl (FS), Doug Ward (DW), Judy Ward (JW).

CORRECTION: Volume 21, Number 11 (August 1986) of the Lark Bunting incorrectly listed (2) Northern Saw-whet Owls on the July 6 field trip to the Daniels Park area. Also incorrectly listed is (1) Northern Saw-whet Owl on the July 16 field trip to Chatfield State Park.

SPECIAL INTEREST ITEM: Dick Schottler and Warren Finch (along with 30 other people) reported seeing two adult California Condors on August 9, 1986, from Mil Potrero Road, Kern Co. California. These birds represent 2/3 of the known remaining wild population of California Condors.

The Denver Field Ornithologists wish to thank Kent Holcomb for doing a superb job as Editor of the Lark Bunting during the past two years. A time-consuming job well-done, Kent. Also, a thank you to our new Editor, Linda Emmert, for volunteering to take over from Kent.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1986

- October 4, Saturday. FOUNTAIN-CANYON CITY AREA. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682).
Meet at 7:00 A.M. at I-25 and Hampden, SE corner of Howard Johnson lot.*
- 5, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Ron Carter (757-1425).
Meet at west gate at 7:15 A.M.*
- 11, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK, WATERTON. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041).
Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Safeway lot at So. Logan St. & US Hwy 285 (Hampden)
or at 8:15 A.M. at Rampart & Roxborough Roads intersection.*
- 12, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032).
Meet at 7:30 A.M. at north lot Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park.*
- 18, Saturday. BEAR CREEK-PLAINS TO MOUNTAINS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718).
Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center SW of Burlington Coat
Factory.*
- 19, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dave Martin (422-9143).
Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center SW of Burlington Coat
Factory.*
- 25, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308).
Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Airport Budget Motel, west side of Chambers Rd.,
north of I-70.*

FIELD TRIPS (Continued)

October 26, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. on your own at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, park on Vance, east of Wadsworth and 38th Avenue. Meet leader at 7:45 A.M. in shopping center SE of Baseline and Broadway (near former Pancake House). REMEMBER DAYLIGHT TIME ENDS TODAY.

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FOR BIRDWATCHERS: CLASSES ON BIRD BEHAVIOR AND HAWK IDENTIFICATION

1. Bird Behavior I -- October 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
2. Bird Behavior II -- November 10 and 17 from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
3. Hawk Identification, Eagles and More -- Four sections: November 15, November 22, December 6 and December 7 - all day trips.

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TUESDAY, November 4

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SEPTEMBER 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

September 3, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Bennett; Weld Co. Rds. 8, 73, 4; Morgan Co. Rds. B, 3, 4; Jackson Reservoir (including "Pelican Refuges"), Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Orchard (NEC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 50°-86°). 248 miles by car; 5 miles on foot. 13 hours. (102 species, 5669 individuals)

6, Saturday. Rigli Ranch and prairie habitats (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Chris Kelly, Dick Pautsch, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, light drizzle; Wind, NE 10-15 MPH; 48°-50°). 185 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7.5 hours. (53 species, 793 individuals)

September 7, Sunday. Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon State Park (PC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: None! (Overcast, fog & light rain in A.M. becoming sunny in P.M.; Wind, light from south; 40°-64°). 82 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours. (42 species, 384 individuals)

8-12, Monday through Friday. Southeastern Colorado: Denver to Pueblo, Cheraw, Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Lamar, Two Buttes Reservoir, Cottonwood Canyon, Campo, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Rocky Ford State Fishing Area and return to Denver (SECOL). Observers: Jack & Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy most days with severe thunderstorms on evening of 9-10; Wind, generally SW to W, 10-25 MPH, with gusts to 50 MPH on evening of 9-10; 55°-90°). 809 miles by car, 10 miles on foot. 54 hours birding. (138 species, 45,518 species)

FALL COUNT 1986

(Carol Hack, compiler)

September 13, 1986 Saturday

LOWER BEAR CREEK (BCP). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Ruth Breckon, Wm. Brockner, Hilda Eichenberger, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, calm, 49°-66°). 10½ hours. 30 miles by car, 9.3 miles on foot. (72 species, 3134 individuals)

RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Allen Stokes. Observers: Kathy Hirst, Joe Tenbrink, Joanne Bushnell. Completed report not received.

CHATFIELD STATE PARK (CSP). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Beth Ebell, David Ebell, Virginia Edens, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Joe Kellner, Randy Lentz. (Overcast becoming mostly cloudy; hazy, wind NE 0-10 MPH, 50°-69°). 11½ hours. 20 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. (77 species, 1796 individuals)

WATERTON & ROXBOROUGH LOOP (WT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Ron Carter, Peggy Gonder, Phil Hayes, Kenny Lane, Dick Pratt. (Cloudy, mild, wind 5-10 MPH, turning calm, 50°-70°). 8½ hours. 8 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. (61 species, 490 individuals)

BARR LAKE (BARR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Bob Andrews, Chris Barker, Norb Erthal, Peter Gent, Paula Hansley, Ed Holub, Tor Nylander, Monika Orchard, Lucy Pace, Pam Pigmbino, Bruce Webb. (Overcast until 2 P.M.; then partly sunny, slight wind, 45°-65°). 10½ hours. 0 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. (86 species, 5807 individuals)

September 14, 1986 Sunday

BARR LAKE PERIFERY (BPV). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Dick Pautesh, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear, calm, 50°-80°). 7 3/4 hours. 63 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. (64 species, 3556 individuals)

CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA (CCR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Ron Carter, Linda Emmert, Randy Lentz. (Clear becoming partly cloudy, wind SE 0-15 MPH, 41°-87°). 10 hours. 34 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. (59 species, 1337 individuals)

FALL COUNT SUMMARY

SPECIES

INDIVIDUALS

1986	153	16,120
1985	143	14,421
1984	150	14,892
1983	150	10,392
1982	141	7,390

September 20, Saturday. Boulder area and Union Reservoir (BOLDER). Leader: Doug Ward. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Peter Gent, Charles Griffith, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Payne, Carl & Mary Ellen Schwenk, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink. (Overcast becoming partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 45°-65°). 55 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7.75 hours. (69 species, 1581 individuals)

20, Saturday. East Boulder/White Rocks Trail & White Rocks Preservation Area, Boulder Co. (WRK). Observers: Alan Hay, Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz. (Overcast early becoming partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, SW 10 MPH veering to NE 10 MPH by mid-morning; 49°-69°). 6 miles on foot. 7 hours. (50 species, 1202 individuals) NOTE: Written permission must be obtained prior to entering White Rocks Preservation Area.

21, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Winston William Brockner, Alan & Dee Hay, Irving Jackson, Jack Reddall, Katie Smolka, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy; fog; Wind, calm; 42°-55°). 3.5 miles on foot. 5 hours. (38 species, 497 individuals)

24, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. Rds. U, 3, B; Weld Co. Rds. 4, 73, 10, 67, 6, 61; Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Thick fog until mid-morning turning partly cloudy with severe P.M. thunderstorms, blowing dust; Wind, SE, 0-5 MPH becoming W, 20-40 MPH with gusts in excess of 50 MPH in P.M.; 47°-67°). 238 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11 hours. (86 species, 12,488 individuals)

27, Saturday. North Denver Lakes (NDL). Leaders: Diana & Don Mullineaux. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Henry & Vi Bossman, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Phil Hayes, Irving Jackson, Hazel Kellogg. (Clear; Wind, calm; 45°-70°). 22 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 6 hours. (35 species, 841 individuals)

28, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir & Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Sue Checchio, Warren Finch, Bob & Juv Fleming, Richard Hale, Alan Hay, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Judy Ward. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NE 5-15 MPH; 43°-70°). 267 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 12 hours. (80 species, 15,188 individuals)

SEPTEMBER 1986 AREA HABITAT	FALL COUNT											20 BOLDER FH	20 WRK PLN	21 WGB PLN	24 NECO PLNS	27 NDL PLN	28 NECO PLNS
	3 NEC PLN	6 RIG PLN	7 PC FH	8-12 SECOL PLAIN	13 BCP PLN	13 CSP PLN	13 WT PL	13 BARR PLNS	14 BPY PLN	14 CCR PLN	FALL CNT. TOT.						
Pied-billed Grebe	12			7	12	2	4	7	32	1	58	10	3	7	26	9	5
Horned Grebe					3						3	5				1	
Eared Grebe				4						10	10				3		
Western Grebe	11	1		100	2	1		7		40	50	500			400	1	400
Clark's Grebe												4					5

SEPTEMBER 1986 AREA HABITAT	3 NEC PLN	6 RIG PLN	7 PC FH	8-12 SECOL PLAIN	FALL COUNT							20 BOLDER FH	20 WRK PLN	21 WGB PLN	24 NECO PLNS	27 NDL PLN	28 NECO PLNS
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American White Pelican	70			75				101	33		134		25		257		340
Double-crested Cormorant	4			206	27	200	7	5			239	3	4	1	275	4	350
Great Blue Heron	17	1		26	10	12	1	15	4	2	44	7	4		4	1	25
Great Egret												4					
Snowy Egret	8			6					5		5				1		
Cattle Egret				4													
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1ad				3					3	6					3	1im
White-faced Ibis				25					1		1						
Snow Goose ("White" form)				1ad													
Canada Goose	50			8	157	150		300	200	35	842	35	15	50	130	205	100
Wood Duck						15	4				19		3ma	1		3	
Green-winged Teal	200	12		530	15	30		300	12	35	392	5			75		2
Mallard	120	3		3510	137	225	8	600	170	130	1270	13	150	18	500	203	250
Northern Pintail	25	9		1000	3	30		35			83	10			50		
Blue-winged Teal	150	7		110	28	4	2	10		2	46	1			25		2
Blue-winged Teal Sp.							18		80		98						
Cinnamon Teal	1																
Northern Shoveler	200	5		11	7	5	1		35		48	10			10	10	10
Gadwall					11	4		7	8	2	32	15	18	16	50	20	
American Wigeon	30			6000	208	2		5	25	2	242	100	1ma	6	10	15	
Canvasback				1fe	6						6						
Redhead				16	296			1	10		307	5					7
Ring-necked Duck					39						39	3		2	2m1f	14	
Lesser Scaup									1		1					1	
Hooded Merganser									1		1						
Ruddy Duck	1			15	2			25			27	3			100	3	
Turkey Vulture			2	15			2	2		3	7	1	1		1		
Osprey						2					2						1
Mississippi Kite				8													
Bald Eagle								1			1						
Northern Harrier	1fe			8		1	1	2	2	1	7		1fe	2fe			8fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	2					2	4			1ad			1ad
Cooper's Hawk			1	1				1			1						
Swainson's Hawk	9	3	6	60	4		3	3	5	2	17	2			9		3
Red-tailed Hawk		1	2		2		5	4	1		12						
"Western" races	4			32		4				5	9	3	6				11
Ferruginous Hawk	1im			1ad				1		1	2		1ad		1		1
Buteo sp.								2			2						
Golden Eagle	1ad		1	2ad													
American Kestrel	14	2	10	34	7	2	11	10	6	5	41	7	5		10		8
Merlin																	
"Richardson's" Race								1			1						1
"Bendire's" Race								1			1						

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Prairie Falcon	1			2			1				1					1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1ma	1		2	1						12	13			16e		
Wild Turkey				1ad													
Scaled Quail				18													
Virginia Rail										2	17	19	2				
Sora										4	3	7					
American Coot	40	35		13500	590	50		175	90	80	985		30		25	14	
Black-bellied Plover									1		1				1	13	
Lesser Golden- Plover				1				1			1						
Semipalmated Plover	2							6			6					1	
Piping Plover*															1		
Killdeer	720	25	2	45	51	45	1	100	105	10	312		7	8	8	40	
American Avocet				30				1	2		3					2	
Greater Yellowlegs	8			30					3		3		1		2		
Lesser Yellowlegs	13			400	31	2		25	20		78		3		18		
Solitary Sandpiper								6	2		8		2	1	3		
Spotted Sandpiper	2				3		1	2	1		7				1		
Marbled Godwit						1		3			4				1		
Red Knot				2											1		
Sanderling	1							7			7				7	5	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1	11						11						
Western Sandpiper	3				3			10			13						
Least Sandpiper	63			15	8	2		5	4	3	22					10	
Baird's Sandpiper	410			10	3			175	6		184		12		100	180	
Pectoral Sandpiper	7			15	1			2	1		4				2	1	
Stilt Sandpiper	2			5		1		60	1		62				3	150	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper*				1													
Long-billed Dowitcher	1			135	1	1			4		6				40	40	
Common Snipe	1						2		21	1	24		6		15		
Wilson's Phalarope	3			15					1		1						
Red-necked Phalarope	10			15				2			2						
Franklin's Gull	250	8		145	378			35		4	417	100		2	100	1	
Ring-billed Gull	260	4		80	47	30	2	50	5	100	234	110	4	14	75	176	
California Gull	5	1	1	80	16	75	4	750		150	995	3			3	1	
Sabine's Gull						1ad		1			2						
Common Tern				2		2					2				1	5	
Forster's Tern	10	2		10		2				4	6				2		
Black Tern	25			90				5			5						

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Rock Dove	28		21	235	42	6	50	1	7		106		12	100	11	7	90	30
Mourning Dove	135	13	19	900	16	15	34	25	10	15	115			12	3	25	4	8
Black-billed Cuckoo										1	1							
Greater Roadrunner				1														
Common Barn-Owl				1ad										1				
Eastern Screech- Owl													1					
Great Horned Owl		2		2ad	2	6	1	5		5	19			8				4
Burrowing Owl	1			2		2			1		3		2					
Common Nighthawk	3			1														
Chimney Swift				2														
Black-chinned Hummingbird				1fe														
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				2fe														
Rufous Hummingbird				1im														
Belted Kingfisher	3		3	5	8	5	4				17		3	2	2		1	1
Lewis' Woodpecker				14		1					1							
Red-headed Woodpecker		3		1ad														
Red-naped Sapsucker																1ma		
Williamson's Sapsucker						1fe					1fe							
Ladder-backed Woodpecker				1m1f														
Downy Woodpecker		1	1		3		4	6		2	15	2	2		1			2
"Eastern" races	1			6		4					4			3		1		
Hairy Woodpecker																		
"Rocky Mountain" race				1fe		1					1							
"Eastern" races	1					1					1							1
Northern Flicker	3			12								3	2			7		7
"Red-shafted" race			4		20	7	14	12	1	7	61			13	9		7	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1			1														
Western Wood- Pewee	4	4	3	9		1	6	1			8							
Willow Flycatcher	1																	
Least Flycatcher				2														
Western Flycatcher	1			1														
Empidonax species		1						1			1							
Eastern Phoebe				4	1						1							
Say's Phoebe				37	2						2			1				
Great Crested Flycatcher						1					1							
Cassin's Kingbird				4				1		1	1					1		
Western Kingbird	10		1	29	1	1	2	1	1	1	8		1			2		1

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Eastern Kingbird	8			1			2				2							
Horned Lark	350	20		230					10		10						60	
No. Rough-winged Swallow			2															
Bank Swallow	2								5		5							
Cliff Swallow	3	1			1						1							
Barn Swallow	875	125	12	645	54	8	7	2000	300	200	2569	25	125	2	600	7	250	
Steller's Jay			1									20						
Blue Jay	10			7	9	1	2		1	10	23	4	2	6	9		7	
Scrub Jay			18	3			9				9							
Pinyon Jay				12														
Black-billed Magpie	20	3	43	32	77	40	23	35	12	50	237	15	2	15	19	4	35	
American Crow			16	16		25	2				27	3				2		
Chihuahuan Raven				6														
Common Raven			3	1		2	1				3							
Black-capped Chickadee	10		13	3	30	20	29	25	5	10	119	15	3	10	12	3	13	
Mountain Chickadee												1						
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	2		2				1			1						2	
Pygmy Nuthatch												10						
Rock Wren	1	5		9	4	3	2	1			10		2		1		1	
Canyon Wren			1	4														
Bewick's Wren				7														
House Wren	35	1	3	3		5	6	7			4	22	4		4		3	
American Dipper					1		1				2							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1							2			2							
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher													2					
Mountain Bluebird																	16e	
Townsend's Solitaire			1				1	2			3							
Swainson's Thrush	2	3		1														
American Robin	30	3	53	223	55	35	15	5	5	10	125	30	2	21	100	8	85	
Gray Catbird		1					2				2			1				
Northern Mockingbird				2				1			1							
Sage Thrasher		3		1														
Brown Thrasher	6			12											2			
Water Pipit							4				4				1			
Cedar Waxwing				35				7			7							
Loggerhead Shrike		9															1	
European Starling	500	15		985	309	300	20	105	800	95	1629	35	60	200	110	1800	1000	
Solitary Vireo								1			1							
"Cassin's" race																	1	
Warbling Vireo	1			3		2					2							
Red-eyed Vireo	1			1														
Orange-crowned Warbler	5					1	1	1		1	4	3	1	11	1		5	

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Bobolink								1			1								
Red-winged Blackbird	150			3675	42	250	5	400	750	20	1467		65	350	21	2000			8000
Western Meadowlark	55	9	10	66	13	9	29	8	28	45	132	3	11	60		80			75
Yellow-headed Blackbird	5			4	2			1	80	35	118					25			800
Brewer's Blackbird	6		30		65	9				10	84		70		49	1ma	3		250
Common Grackle	60			9825	49			150	350	5	554		20	1	7	5000	1		1500
Brown-headed Cowbird	1im	1	4	5	1				1		2								1im
Orchard Oriole	2im			1im															
Northern Oriole																			
"Bullock's" race				1m1f															
House Finch	50		8	9	112	35		6	1	45	199	5	8	15	33	2			
Pine Siskin							14				14		3						
Lesser Goldfinch			5	1m1f		1fe	4				5								
American Goldfinch	20		2	28	9	25	32		1	13	80		7	2	29	6	6		2
Evening Grosbeak					15						15	5	3		9				
House Sparrow	275	200	4	365	48			60	230		338		10		4	50	3		50
TOTAL SPECIES - 202	102	53	42	138	72	77	61	86	64	59	153	69	50	38	86	35			80

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H;
Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT, FHL,FH,F;
Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Great Egret 9-23 through 9-30 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
White-faced Ibis 9-23 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Osprey 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Merlin 9-30 (1, "Richardson's" race) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Wild Turkey 9-12 (8) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH).
Northern Bobwhite 9-26 (20) Arickaree River near Kansas state line, Yuma Co. (JC, BP).
Mountain Plover 9-27 (5) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JC,BP).
Solitary Sandpiper 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Marbled Godwit 9-21 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
Ruddy Turnstone 9-28 & 9-29 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (DN,BP).
Red Knot 9-7 (1) Latham Reservoir (DB); 9-24 (2) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (DB);
9-27 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC,BP).
Herring Gull 9-17 (1 immature) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson Co. (HK,BR).
Common Tern 9-23 through 9-30 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Black Tern 9-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Common Bran-Owl 9-3 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JC); 9-26 (1) Hale, Yuma Co. (JC).
Eastern Screech-Owl 9-2 (2) Barr Lake State Park between boat ramp and dam (DB).
Chimney Swift 9-24 (4) & 9-26 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
Calliope Hummingbird 9-4 & 9-5 (1 immature male) 31428 Burke Rd, Coal Creek Canyon,
Jefferson Co. (DN).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-28 (1) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR).
Rufous Hummingbird 9-8 (1) 31428 Burke Rd., Coal Creek Canyon (DN).

Red-bellied Woodpecker 9-15 (2) .5 miles east of Hale, Yuma Co. (DN).
Olive-sided Flycatcher 9-10 (1) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC).
Say's Phoebe 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Cassin's Kingbird 9-26 (2) Arickaree River near Kansas state line, Yuma Co. (JC, BP).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-8 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 9-17 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK, BR).
Eastern Bluebird 9-15 (3 males) east of Hale, Yuma Co. (DN); 9-26 (15) Arickaree River near Kansas state line (JC, BP).
Hermit Thrush 9-12 (1) near Critchell (AH).
Water Pipit 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Bell's Vireo 9-3 (4) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JC).
Orange-crowned Warbler 9-30 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS).
Northern Parula 9-13 (1 female) Chatfield S.P. (DN); 9-19 through 9-24 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN, RS).
Yellow Warbler 9-15 (1 adult, 1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS).
Chestnut-sided Warbler 9-1 (1) Chatfield S.P., Douglas Co. (DB), 9-7 (1) So. Platte River at Weld Co. Rd. 61 (JC).
Magnolia Warbler 9-9 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 9-13 (1) Chatfield S.P. (DN); 9-16 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS); 9-17 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DB).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-21 (1 female) Riverside Reservoir (DB).
Black-throated Gray Warbler 9-5 (1) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (DN).
Pine Warbler 9-7 (1 female) Riverside Reservoir (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB).
Bay-breasted Warbler 9-20 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN). Very brief written details submitted (DN).
Blackpoll Warbler 9-4 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 9-30 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DB). Written details submitted (DB).
Black-and-white Warbler 9-7 (1) Riverside Reservoir (DB).
American Redstart 9-5 (1 immature male) Barr Lake S.P. (DN); 9-7 (1 male) So. Platte River at Weld Co. Rd. 61 (JC); 9-10 (1 immature male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS).
Northern Waterthrush 9-2 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN).
MacGillivray's Warbler 9-23 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Hooded Warbler 9-19 (1 adult female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS). Brief written details submitted (RS).
Summer Tanager All month (adult male) Chatfield S.P. (seen by many observers).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 9-5 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (DN).
Lazuli Bunting 9-30 (2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Northern Oriole 9-3 (1 male - "Baltimore" race) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JC).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1986

- November 1 ✓ Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park Lake, W. 44th Ave. west of Kipling near Robb.*
- 2 ✓ Sunday. PAWNEE GRASSLANDS. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park north lot.*
- 6, 16, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: ~~Walter Ball~~ ^{Bob Richter 692-8529} (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, IMAX north lot.*
- 17, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (~~771-~~ ⁷⁷¹⁻ 5308). Meet at 7:00 at the West Gate.*

November 15, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Safeway lot, So. Logan and U.S. Hwy 285 (Hampden).*

16, Sunday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Ruth Brekon (455-0979). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th Ave. and Sheridan.*

22, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 7:30 A.M. Park-n-Ride, Wadsworth, just south of US 285.*

23, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool on your own at 7:15 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, W. 38th & Wadsworth on south lot east of church. Meet leader at 8:00 A.M. in Base-Mar Shopping Center, south of Baseline and east of Broadway. (Co. 93)*

28, Friday. AFTER TURKEYS THE DAY AFTER TURKEY DAY. Call Bob Spencer if interested (279-4682). 1/2 day Trip

29, Saturday. BEAR CREEK - PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping, sw of Burlington Coat Factory, Sheridan and Hampden.*

30, Sunday. WINDSOR LAKE AND FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Mortuary parking lot on Quebec south of Alameda. 1/2 day - lunch optional.

*Bring lunch

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IN MEMORIAM

DONALD LEO MALICK

Colorado's most famous bird artist, Don Malick, passed from our midst on August 16, 1986, at the age of 56. He was born in Olean, New York, not too far from Jamestown, birthplace of Roger Tory Peterson.

Birders of Colorado, in fact, from everywhere, have lost a long time friend. Don was very approachable, warm, friendly, and readily talked with any and all birders. Don lived for many years in Kittredge, where he maintained a studio and loved to paint his commissions, mostly birds. At the same time he worked at the Denver Museum of Natural History painting beautiful backgrounds for dioramas in the exhibition halls. One of his last assignments while at the Museum was on African exhibits. He went on a Museum expedition to Botswana and the Kalahari desert. The Kalahari fascinated him, especially the birds. His paintings from this area are world famous. Don always yearned to return to the Kalahari.

Malick early came under the tutelage of the eminent George Miksch Sutton. Sutton liked Malick's bird paintings and inspired Don to carry on in this field. Many of Don's paintings reflect the Sutton influence.

From Don's brushes came 35 beautiful paintings for Bailey and Niedrach's book, "The Birds of Colorado", plus the Black-billed Magpies for the dust jacket. Over the years many wildlife stamps were painted by Don for the National Wildlife Federation. I well recall the discussions with Don for the selection of his paintings for John Bull's "The Birds of New York State".

It was while working on his commission for the plates for the National Geographic Society's "Field Guide to the Birds of North America", that he suffered his first bouts with cancer. He bravely struggled on and finished 23 plates for this book. In nearly every review of this guide, reviewers praised Don's paintings as being the best in the book; a remarkable tribute to his outstanding talent. For many years he painted covers and illustrations for "Colorado Outdoors", the publication of the Colorado Department of Wildlife. His paintings have become world famous.

We all will miss Don, but the fact that hurts the most is the deep conviction, that had he lived, his greatest works were before him. May the sands of the Kalahari never forget you, Don.

W. Wm. Brockner

NOTICES

The Colorado Field Ornithologists will be offering two identification clinics: a gull ID clinic in December and a raptor ID clinic in February.

Gull Identification Clinic:

Saturday, December 6, 1986, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., with a possible field trip on Sunday, December 7.

Cost: \$7.00 for CFO members, \$10.00 for non-members.

Limit: 25 people

Raptor Identification Clinic:

Saturday, February 7, 1986, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., with an all day field trip on Sunday, February 8, 1986.

Cost: \$12.00 for CFO members, \$15.00 for non-members.

Limit: 45 people

Both clinics will be taught by Charles Chase III, Research Associate and former Curator of Ornithology, Denver Museum of Natural History and will be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver.

To sign up for either clinic or for additional information please contact Bill Prather at 13810 Weld County Rd 1, Longmont, CO 80501 or 776-2191 (home) 427-9295 (work)

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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

NO DECEMBER MEETING. Meet at Christmas count compilation dinner,
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OCTOBER 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- October 4, Saturday. Fountain-Canyon City area (SCCOL). Leader: Bob Spencer.
Observers: Ruth Breckon, Ron Carter, Hazel Kellogg, C.W. Kelley, Ruth Wheeler.
[Overcast, clearing; Wind, mostly calm; 55°-70°]. (64 species, 1422 individuals)
- 5, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Leader: Ron Carter. Observers: Alan Hay, Randy Lentz. (Clear to partly cloudy; 30°-52°). 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6.5 hours. (60 species, 630 individuals)
- 6, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Sterling cemetery, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, North Sterling Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall.
(Early A.M. fog becoming clear; Wind, W, 5-15 MPH; 35°-70°). 397 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 12.5 hours. (64 species, 6257 individuals)
- 10, Friday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Observers: Alan Hay, Jack Reddall.
(Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy by late P.M. Wind, SW 10 MPH becoming NE 10 MPH in P.M., 45°-71°). 16 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8 hours.
(65 species, 5106 individuals)

October 11, Saturday. Roxborough Park-Waterton. No report received.

12, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Trip cancelled -- no participants, inclement weather.

17, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Fort Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (including "Pelican Refuges"), Morgan Co. Rds. U,3,B; Weld Co. Rds. 4,73 (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. Clear; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 35°-68°; 238 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11 hours. (70 species, 10357 individuals)

18, Saturday. Bear Creek-Plains to Foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Vi & Henry Bossman, Ron Carter, Phil Hayes, Ed Holub, John Hannum, Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Patricia McCall, Bill Payne, Mort Staatz, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear; Wind, light; 40°-55°). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours. (40 species, 329 individuals)

19, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: David Martin. Observers: Chuck Aid, Janas Bohan, Dan Bridges, Ann Cook, Barbara Gagleardi, Paul Hess, Randy Lentz, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Tim Showalter, Hollace Westfeldt. (Clear becoming overcast with moderate rain in P.M.; Wind, NE 0-15 MPH; 41°-60° falling in P.M.). 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7.25 hours. (57 species, 2211 individuals)

25, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir (including "Pelican Refuges"), Orchard, Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Kathy Hawkins, Alan Hay, Randy Lentz, Don & Diana Mullineaux, Mona Nielsen, Bill Payne, Dorothy Reddall, Bob Richter, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. (Clear becoming partly cloudy; Wind, NW 10-25 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH; 38°-60°). 230 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11 hours. (71 species, 9228 individuals)

26, Sunday. Boulder area: Baseline Reservoir, Walden Pond, Hiram Prince Reservoir #2, Union Reservoir (BLD). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Susan Checchio, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Veda White. (Clear; Wind, calm; 49°-68°). 46 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. 6 hours. (34 species, 2226 individuals)

OCTOBER 1986 AREA HABITAT	4 SCCOL PLN FHL	5 CCR PLN	6 NECO PLNS	10 CHAT PLNS	17 NECO PLNS	18 BC PF	19 CHAT PLNS	25 NECO PLNS	26 BLD PLN
Common Loon	1						1		
Pied-billed Grebe	2	3	8	10		2	37	1	8
Horned Grebe	3	4	1	12	4		6	2	45
Eared Grebe	3	1	1		10			3	
Western Grebe	12	11	150	120	2100		19	320	500
Clark's Grebe		2			1				
American White Pelican			750	1				1	
Double-crested Cormorant	1	28	250	40	30		12	4	
Great Blue Heron	2		25	4	1	1	3		
Great Egret		1							
Cattle Egret									1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		4							
Canada Goose	1	2	850	225		80	200	30	15
Wood Duck				16	2ma		6		

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Green-winged Teal			30	225	25	30		10	25	8
Mallard	3		17	30	165	300	17	35	3250	75
Northern Pintail	16e		4	125	12			12	75	12
Blue-winged Teal					1			1		4
Cinnamon Teal					1ma			1ma		
Northern Shoveler			1	2	40	10	4	4	25	
Gadwall	25		3	15	375	60	2	150	65	200
American Wigeon				20	400	30	6	200	30	350
Canvasback						46e			25	
Redhead	2			55	10	2			8	85
Ring-necked Duck			5	20	7	20			2	60
Lesser Scaup	50		1			10	1		16e	
Bufflehead					1ma	1ma	2	10	70	16
Common Merganser				16e					8	
Ruddy Duck	125		5	90	25	10		8	30	4
Turkey Vulture	1									
Osprey			1		2			1		
Northern Harrier	1			1636	16e	26e			46e	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	1		2ad		1	2	1
Cooper's Hawk	1								1im	
Swainson's Hawk	1									
Red-tailed Hawk	9							2		4
"Western" races			2	15	3	8	5		13	
"Harlan's" race							1			
Ferruginous Hawk			2			2		1	2	
Rough-legged Hawk									1	
Golden Eagle					1ad	1im	1		2a1i	
American Kestrel	3		1	1	1	3	2	5	13	7
Prairie Falcon					2	1		1		
Ring-necked Pheasant			1	3m36		12		3	2	
Virginia Rail	2-H		11						1-H	
American Coot	110		36	1500	3000	100	4	1000	85	200
Sandhill Crane						150			1-H	
Black-bellied Plover				16						
Semipalmated Plover				4						
Killdeer	6		2	13	3	6		3	4	3
American Avocet									1	
Greater Yellowlegs						2				2
Lesser Yellowlegs				3						
Sanderling	17			21						
Least Sandpiper				2				1		
Baird's Sandpiper	3			45	2	25				
Pectoral Sandpiper					2	5				
Long-billed Dowitcher			1	11				23	4	
Common Snipe			2	1	1	1	5		5	2
Wilson's Phalarope	16e									
Franklin's Gull	8		10	100						
Bonaparte's Gull						2				
Ring-billed Gull	1		71	750	50	350	20	50	65	180
California Gull			105	50	75	1		9	2	
Herring Gull				1ad				4		
Common Tern			1	1	2					

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Forster's Tern			2	6						
Rock Dove	44		1	85	1	16	17	7	35	45
Mourning Dove	2			2	5	5	2	5	3	
Great Horned Owl				2ad		3ad	1	2	1	
Burrowing Owl			1							
Common Nighthawk			1							
Belted Kingfisher			2	1m1f	3	2	6	5	3	
Red-headed Woodpecker	2									
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1ma									
Downy Woodpecker			1					2		
"Batchelder's" race					1fe				1fe	
"Eastern" races					1fe	3fe			1fe	
Hairy Woodpecker	1								1	
Northern Flicker				10		13			17	6
"Yellow-shafted" race			1	1						
"Red-shafted" race	9	1	18		6		13	5		
Horned Lark	4	48		25	3	500		8	180	
Barn Swallow	6		4	20						
Steller's Jay	2						2			
Blue Jay	4		8	10	3	10		2	6	
Scrub Jay		1								
Black-billed Magpie	19		25		18	40	8	17	45	15
American Crow	2		1	30	50			9		8
Common Raven	5	1			1		2			
Black-capped Chickadee	10		6	1	10	20	15	25	10	
Mountain Chickadee							4			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1			1						
White-breasted Nuthatch	1						5			
Pygmy Nuthatch							4			
Brown Creeper					1					
Rock Wren			1		1	1				
House Wren			1			1				
American Dipper							1			
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1fe				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		1ma	1		1		
Eastern Bluebird						2				
Western Bluebird		3								
Townsend's Solitaire	2	10				1			2	
American Robin	4	371	6	35	1	400	2	2	30	
Gray Catbird									1	
Sage Thrasher	1		1							
Brown Thrasher									1	
Water Pipit				2	25	2			3	
Cedar Waxwing						20			5	
Loggerhead Shrike						1				
European Starling	64	6	36	85	100	180	29	107	3400	300
Solitary Vireo										
"Plumbeous" race					1					
Orange-crowned Warbler			3				1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Myrtle" race				1		15			4	
"Audubon's" race	30	4	19		35	25	4	3	8	
Rufous-sided Towhee					1					

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Brown Towhee	2								
American Tree Sparrow							1	1	6
Chipping Sparrow	35	4	10	18		1	10		
Vesper Sparrow			5						
Savannah Sparrow				2					
Song Sparrow	2	10		9	23	4	8	15	8
White-throated Sparrow					1ad				
White-crowned Sparrow	30	3	32	1		2	11	30	
"Gambel's" race				15	100				
Harris' Sparrow					1im			1im	
Dark-eyed Junco							6		
"Slate-colored" race					1			1	
"Oregon" race				1	12			4	
"Gray-headed" race	4			2					
McCown's Longspur			1						
Red-winged Blackbird	174	58	350	90	500	12	40	800	45
Western Meadowlark	7	8	100	10	25		6	15	5
Brewer's Blackbird				15			10	20	
Common Grackle	15	1	130	1	5000	2		280	
House Finch	50	6	10	20	20	14	20	6	4
Red Crossbill						18			
Pine Siskin					4			1	
Lesser Goldfinch	3	6							
American Goldfinch	4		50	20	10	7		8	2
Evening Grosbeak							80	6	
House Sparrow	28	3	120		100			100	
TOTAL SPECIES - 132	64	60	64	65	70	40	57	71	34

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife;
Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P;
Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Pacific Loon 10-29 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK,UK,JR)
Common Loon 10-13 (1) & 10-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)
Red-necked Grebe 10-27 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (HH,LH)
American White Pelican 10-29 (1) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (JR)
Great Egret 10-7 (1) & 10-10 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (AS); 10-13 (1) Windsor, Weld Co. (JC,JH)
Green-backed Heron 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Ross' Goose 10-20 (1 adult) Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver (AH); 10-23 (1 adult) Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (DS). Written documentation submitted plus excellent color photographs (DS).
Wood Duck 10-13 (1 pair) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Canvasback 10-22 (30) & 10-23 (60) Chatfield SRA (HK,UK)
Greater Scaup 10-13 (2 males, 1 female) Duck Lake (near Loveland), Larimer Co. (JC,JH).
Written documentation submitted (JC). Details mention rounded head, white in wing extending into secondaries and greenish cast on head (which is not diagnostic). No mention of key field mark: large, black nail! (JR)

Surf Scoter 10-15 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (BR)
Red-breasted Merganser 10-21 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Osprey 10-4 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK,UK); 10-5 (1) Circling overhead at Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (RS); 10-6 (2) Chatfield SRA (AS); 10-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (AS)
Ferruginous Hawk 10-12 (5) between Louviers & Larkspur, Douglas Co. (HK,UK); all month (1-3) prairie dog colony, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (TJ,JR)
Prairie Falcon 10-10 (2 adults) Denver Federal Center, Lakewood (DS)
Sora 10-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (TJ)
Sandhill Crane. Many large flocks passed over the Denver Metropolitan area on 10-11 & 10-12 (CH,TJ,HK,UK,AS,DS). Maxima: 2000 between 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Chatfield SRA (DB), 10-20 (500 over a 2 hour period) west Arvada (AH)
Whopping Crane 10-14 (1 adult with red band on right leg, light band on left leg) Barr Lake S.P. (BR). Very likely from the Idaho flock.
Black-bellied Plover 10-4 (12) Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB); 10-10 (1) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (TJ); 10-25 (5) Red Lion SWA, Logan Co. (DB,JC); 10-25 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (HK,UK).
Solitary Sandpiper 10-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Willet 10-25 (1) Red Lion SWA (DB,JC)
Western Sandpiper 10-12 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK)
Baird's Sandpiper 10-12 (2) Chatfield SRA (HK); 10-12 (6) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (TJ)
Pectoral Sandpiper 10-12 (2) Chatfield SRA (HK)
Stilt Sandpiper 10-12 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK); 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Parasitic Jaeger 10-27 (2) Jackson Reservoir (HH,LH)
Jaeger sp. 10-2 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC)
Franklin's Gull 10-29 (200) Barr Lake S.P. (JR)
Herring Gull 10-10 (2 adults) Baseline Reservoir (TJ)
Sabine's Gull 10-26 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JC)
Common Tern 10-4 (3) Chatfield SRA (HK,UC). "Identified by black nape & dark wings." No mention made of key field mark: dark carpal bar on fall & winter adults and immatures (JR).
Mourning Dove 10-29 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK,UK)
Greater Roadrunner 10-5 (1) Sand Creek, Baca Co. (DB)
Burrowing Owl 10-13 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK,UK)
Common Nighthawk 10-19 (1) 6th Ave. & Santa Fe, Denver (DS)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 10-4 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (DB). Written documentation submitted (DB).
Eastern Phoebe 10-2 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC); 10-17 (1 adult) Chatfield SRA (DS). Written details submitted (DS)
Cassin's Kingbird 10-2 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JC,JH)
Barn Swallow 10-12 (6) Union Reservoir (TJ)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 10-5 (1), 10-7 (1), 10-8 (1) banded, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Winter Wren 10-22 (1) Chatfield SRA (HK,UK)
Marsh Wren 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 10-25 (1) Red Lion SWA (JC); 10-30 (1, singing) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS)
Hermit Thrush 10-12 (4) Varsity Pond, University of Colorado Campus, Boulder (TJ)
Sage Thrasher 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
Cedar Waxwing 10-10 (5 adults, 3 immatures) Varsity Pond, University of Colorado Campus, Boulder (TJ)
Orange-crowned Warbler 10-1 (1), 10-5 (1), 10-6 (2), 10-14 (1), 10-22 (1) all banded, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-5 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (RS)
Townsend's Warbler 10-3 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DB); 10-22 (1) Chatfield SRA (HR)
Palm Warbler 10-13 (1) Chatfield SRA - "eastern race--yellow underparts" (HK). If true, this represents a first state record for Colorado as the eastern race (Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea) seldom has been recorded outside of its normal range east of the Mississippi River. No details submitted (JR).
Wilson's Warbler 10-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)

Scarlet Tanager 10-2 (1 male) Jackson Reservoir (JH,JC). Written documentation submitted (JC).
Indigo Bunting 10-11 through 10-13 (1) Boulder (HW)
Lincoln's Sparrow 10-15 (1) banded, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 10-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)
White-throated Sparrow 10-2 (2 adults) Jackson Reservoir (JC); 10-9 (1 adult) Chatfield SRA (BR); 10-13 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 10-21 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR); 10-23 (1 adult) Boulder (HW)
McCown's Longspur 10-25 (4) 10 miles SE of Julesburg, Sedgwick, Co. (JC)
Pine Grosbeak 10-18 (2 males, 2 females) Eldora, Boulder Co. (DB)
Purple Finch 10-15 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (BR). Written documentation submitted (BR)

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Jerry Cairo (JC), Carol Hack (CH), Alan Hay (AH), Joe Himmel (JH), Harold Holt (HH), La Vona Holt (LH), Tina Jones (TJ), Hugh Kingery (HK), Urling Kingery (UK), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Righter (BR), Dick Schottler (DS), Aaron Sell (AS), Mildred Snyder (MS), Robert Spencer (RS), Helen Stiles Wainwright (HW).

CORRECTION: 1986 FALL COUNT

After a discussion with the Leader of the Barr Lake Count, it was agreed that the two American Tree Sparrows reported on September 13 should be deleted. This changes the Fall Count Total to 152 species and 16,118 individuals.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1986

December 6, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES-GREENBELT. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8 A.M., at Sloan's Lake, Sheridan and West 25th.*

7, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATIONAL AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate.*

13,14 Saturday, Sunday. PRECOUNTS FOR CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS. Call leaders of areas you are interested in helping for time and date.

*Bring lunch

Submitted by:

Robert Spencer 279-4682
Ruth Wheeler 455-3924

AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS
1986

NUNN - December 18 (Thursday). Contact Clait Braun for details. Office - 484-2836;
Home - 493-2841

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK - December 20 (Saturday). Contact Clait Braun for details.

FOOTHILLS AUDUBON - December 20 (Saturday). Longmont, Loveland area. Contact Virginia Bionigi,
Hygiene - 776-2609

LARK BUNTING CHRISTMAS COUNT SUPPLEMENT

(Prepared by Jack Reddall)

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT: Saturday, December 20, 1986.

COUNT LEADERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center.

Please call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in counting in a particular area, or call Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) or Jack Reddall (771-5308) if you would like to help count in an area that needs additional participants. In addition, Area Leaders should contact one of Count Leaders before the Count to indicate how many participants each one has to assist in their respective areas.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: In order to participate in the Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, you must pay a fee of \$3.00 as all participants taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees collected as directed by the National Audubon Society. These fees are necessary to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all Christmas Counts in American Birds which is rapidly approaching 1000 pages in size. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT A \$3.00 FEE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY OR NOT TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to the National Audubon Society, NOT THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS!

PRE-COUNTS: All Area Leaders are strongly encouraged to conduct Pre-Counts. Since days and times will vary for Pre-Counts, please contact an Area Leader if you desire to assist in a particular area. There is no fee charged for participation in a Pre-Count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Please contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting places and times for Count Day, December 20, 1986.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
3. BowMar/Marston	Tina Jones 722-8514
4A. Lower South Platte	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler 985-0579
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Doug Ward 666-8985
7A. Middle South Platte.	Ron Carter 757-1425
7B. Middle South Platte.	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Jack Reddall 771-5308
9. Upper South Platte	David Martin 422-9143
10. Lower Deer Creek	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
11. Upper Deer Creek	
12. Yegge Peak	Dan Bridges 755-7665
13. Doublehead Mountain.	Bob Righter 692-8529
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372

AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS (continued)

- BOULDER AREA - December 21 (Sunday). Contact Bill Kaempfer for details - 939-8005.
EVERGREEN AREA - December 21 (Sunday). Contact Dave Balogh for details - 969-0685.
FT. MORGAN AREA - December 22 (Monday). Meet 7 A.M. Texaco Station, Bijou Exit I-76.
Dave Hutchinson - 1-667-8413.
RAWHIDE (NEW) - December 23 (Tuesday). Contact Ron Ryder for details. Office - 491-6547
Home - 482-8089.
BARR LAKE - December 27 (Saturday). Contact Judy Ward for details - 666-8985.
FORT COLLINS AREA - December 27 (Saturday). Contact Ron Ryder for details. Office - 491-6547
Home - 482-8089.
DOUGLAS COUNTY - December 28 (Sunday). Leaders - Susan Trumble (973-3959), Ben Moore
(369-8041). Meet at 7 A.M. at Metro Headquarters,
13787 So. Hwy 85 (Santa Fe) for coffee and donuts.
Start count at 7:30 A.M.
NORTH PARK AREA - December 29 (Monday). Contact Clait Braun for details. Office - 484-2836
Home - 493-2841.
BONNIE RESERVOIR - No count planned due to lack of interest.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNTS - See CHRISTMAS COUNT SUPPLEMENT SHEET FOR DETAILS!

NEW MEMBERS

Ray and Linda Ferguson, 1095 Western Dr., #23A, Colorado Springs, CO 80915 (574-7802)
Mary Ellen Schwenk, 33956 Nadm Dr., RR 11, Golden, CO 80403 (642-0187)
Helen and Ted Swem, 104 Antler Way, Evergreen, CO 80439

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

MEMBERSHIP: Family \$10.00 per year; Senior Citizen: \$5.00 per year; Student: \$5.00 per year.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Return to: Robert Righter, 2358 S. Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80210

RARE BIRD ALERT 759-1060

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 642-7109
16. Upper Bear Creek	Bill Payne 745-1083
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch.	Alan Hay 422-0239
18. Garrison Gate.	
19. Morrison/Willow Brook.	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek	Phil Hayes 232-7421
21. Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs. .	John Bregar 741-3941

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNTS - 1954 THROUGH 1985

(Jack Reddall, compiler)

YEAR	NUMBER OF SPECIES	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	NEW SPECIES ADDED*	PARTY HOURS	NUMBER OF PARTIES	NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	FEEDER WATCHERS
1954	80	11586	76	100	12	33	#
1955	83	10263	18	72	8	22	#
1956	86	5732	6	66	8	17	#
1957	84	9409	6	88	9	22	#
1958	79	8341	3	53	6	16	#
1959	73	5806	3	56	8	21	#
1960	74	5437	2	78	9	27	#
1961	78	4027	6	67	8	23	#
1962	80	8277	3	69	9	27	#
1963	79	6278	0	57	7	21	#
1964	79	8154	1	59	8	32	#
1965	90	10984	0	69	8	41	#
1966	86	8164	1	48	6	26	#
1967	92	13022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	12658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23808	4	331	30	95	26
1974	107	20573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24747	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30972	1	230	29	95	45
1985	93	18993	2	220	27	83	41

*-Based upon A.O.U. CHECK-LIST, 1983 (6th Edition).

#-Feeder Watchers did not officially participate until 1967.



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Regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, September through May, with the exception of the month of December, 7:30 P.M., at the Denver Museum of Natural History, West Auditorium.

Here are the next two D.F.O. programs.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1987

A Breeding Bird Atlas for Colorado: an invitation to D.F.O. members to participate in the beginning of an exciting field ornithology project.

Steve Bissell (Colorado Division of Wildlife, Habitat Resources Section)
Hugh Kingery (D.F.O.)

TUESDAY, February 3, 1987

Record-Keeping. A panel of D.F.O. members discussing how they keep records of the birds they see.

Judy Ward	Personal records
Dick Schottler	Personal records
Jack Reddall	Personal records
Harold Holt	Early and late arrival dates for the Denver area
Phil Hayes	Summarizing D.F.O. field trips, and yard lists
Dave Martin	Computer records: what I would set up--if only the computer had enough storage capacity

We invite other D.F.O. members to bring examples of the way they keep records. We also plan to bring a notebook to make a record of good record-keeping.

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NOVEMBER 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- November 1, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and Coors Pond (GB). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dee Hay, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. (Overcast, intermittent light snow, 6" of snow on ground; Wind, calm; 30°-34°). 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5.5 hours. (45 species, 683 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Union Reservoir, Greeley, Crow Valley Campground (Briggsdale), Pawnee National Grassland, Latham Reservoir (NCCO). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: C.W. Kelly, Aaron Sell. (Overcast, fog, fresh snow turning partly cloudy; Wind, 10-15 MPH; 25°-40°). (55 species, 35,198 individuals)
- 3, Monday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Observers: Randy Lentz, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 32°-47°). 35 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.5 hours. (58 species, 1402 individuals)
- 8, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Joe Tenbrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Snow, clearing; Windy; 30°). 60 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.5 hours. (45 species, 1227 individuals)
- 9, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Dan Bridges, Janet Cooper, Alex Cruz, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Twyla Jorgenson, Ken LaBorde, Dan Lazslo, Randy Lentz, Joe & Mary Mammoser, Harold & Betty Oliver, Dick Pautsch, Randy Pullen, Bob Righter, John and Carol Schenck, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, S 5-15 MPH; 21°-47°). 36 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9 hours. (63 species, 1061 individuals)
- 15, Saturday. Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon State Park (PC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Phil Hayes, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Carol Lofft, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Shelley Moore, Tim Moore, Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Joe Tenbrink. (Mostly clear; Wind, variable 10-20 MPH gusting to 30 MPH; 40°-65°). 82 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours. (31 species, 195 individuals)
- 16, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NDL). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Bill Brockner, Denise Boyd, Nancy Boyd, Alan and Dee Hay, Billy & Estes Howe, C.W. Kelly, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe Tenbrink. (Clear to partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, 0-25 MPH; 38°-58°) 42 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. 5.5 hours. (41 species, 1998 individuals)
- 17, Monday. Northeastern Colorado: Boulder to Hudson, Fort Morgan and Prewitt Reservoir; Muir Springs Park; Jackson Reservoir; Orchard (NECOL). Observers: Steve Larson, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 32°-60°). 290 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 10 hours. (65 species, 68,206 individuals)
- 21, Friday. Castlewood Canyon State Park, Cherry Creek SRA, Chatfield SRA, McClellan Reservoir (CCCM). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 35°-72°) 143 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10 hours. (62 species, 4607 individuals)
- 22, Saturday. Chatfield State Recreation Area (CSP). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Ron Carter, Don Galletti, Alan and Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Floyd Pendell, David Schuchert, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Joe Tenbrink, Neil Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy with morning snow flurries; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 34°-44°). 20 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 7 hours. (46 species, 1813 individuals)

NOVEMBER 1986 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (continued)

November 23, Sunday. Boulder area: Chatauqua Park, Boulder Creek (C.U. campus), Baseline and Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, Haystack Mountain, Swede Lakes, 95th Street & Lookout, Prince Reservoir (BOULDER). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Marta Deutman, Doug Ward. (Clear; Wind, calm; 42°-55°). 75 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.5 hours. (62 species, 3110 individuals)

28, Friday. Evergreen area (EG). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Bill Brockner, Byron Geisentranner, Shirley Spencer, Lynn Willcockson, Pat Willcockson. (Clear; Wind, calm; cool) 5 hours. (19 species, 132 individuals)

29, Saturday. Bear Creek-plains to foothills (BCK). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Bill Brockner, Alan and Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Jan Justice, Freda Krolik, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Floyd Pendell, Dick Pautsch, Hugh Ravatt, Chuck Romeo, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; Wind, light; 45°-65°). 40 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 8 hours. (36 species, 914 individuals)

30, Sunday. Fairmount Cemetery. SNOWED OUT!

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Red-throated Loon			1		1								
Pacific Loon			1		2			2	1	1			
Common Loon		1	3		4			1	5	2			
Pied-billed Grebe	13	2	1	1			1		15	7	1		
Horned Grebe	1	3	3		2			4	6	2	7		1
Eared Grebe			3		1			4			1		
Western Grebe		29	25	3	25		32	1	30	11	20		
Clark's Grebe			1		1				1				
American White Pelican		2			3			2					
Double-crested Cormorant		4	3		2								
American Bittern					1								
Great Blue Heron		3	1		1		4			1	4		1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2												
Tundra Swan							1im	1ad			3ad		
Greater White-fronted Goose								9ad					
Snow Goose ("White" form)					12			130					
("Blue" form)								3					
Canada Goose	68	26	250	100	160		745	20000	1300	915	575		400
Wood Duck	2	1					1pr						
Green-winged Teal	8	53	40	15	25		40		65	59	42		4
Mallard	72	9500	120	40	50		71	31100	200	98	440		23
Northern Pintail		1026		100	4		17	10	50	3	22		
Northern Shoveler		1050	20	60	15		96	10	10				15
Gadwall	22	125	50	150	15		26	2	75	50	17		6
American Wigeon	26	100	6	200	1m1f		46	50	375	175	180		12
Canvasback			2m2f	2			4		6	3	9		
Redhead	3		10		30		17	10	40	14	55		
Ring-necked Duck	24				1fe		19		80	41	80		
Greater Scaup									1fe				

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Lesser Scaup	2	3000	20	1	65		14	6	15	4		2	
White-winged Scoter					1		2	1ma			1ma		
Common Goldeneye			1ma		1ma		121	250	35	8		115	3
Barrow's Goldeneye										1ma			
Bufflehead	6	27	4m3f	25	1m3f		9	15	60	41		22	7
Hooded Merganser	1				1fe		2		3m8f	8		32	
Common Merganser		3	23		9		32	6100	510			110	250
Red-breasted Merganser									5fe	1fe			
Ruddy Duck		951	1		8		3	3	6				
Bald Eagle				1ad				5a11i		1ad		1ad	
Northern Harrier		10	1im		1fe			2fe	1fe				1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		1			1ad					
Cooper's Hawk			1im						1			1ad	
Northern Goshawk										2			
Red-tailed Hawk		8				3	2						
"Western" races	1		3	3	3			3	5	3		4	4
"Harlan's" race			1	1	1			1					
"Krider's" race								1					
Ferruginous Hawk			1ad	3ad	2ad			7	1ad			4	
Rough-legged Hawk		7		1im		1		4				3	2
Golden Eagle		2		1ad			1						
American Kestrel	2	30	1		1	4	6	11	2	2		9	4
Merlin													
"Richardson's" race								1					
Prairie Falcon			1im		1im	1		1	1	1		1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		4	6	4	1fe			1					
Wild Turkey													30
Virginia Rail	1-H		1-H		5-H							1-H	
American Coot	26	158	10	25			33		900	165		155	
Sandhill Crane	2												
Black-bellied Plover		2			1								
Killdeer		6	2	6	1		1	1				2	1
American Avocet		1											
Semipalmated Sandpiper		4											
Least Sandpiper		1											
Common Snipe	3	3	6		8								6
Franklin's Gull		27	3		1								
Bonaparte's Gull					5			100					
Ring-billed Gull	47	8021	60	25	150		353	5500	375			600	2
California Gull			70	10	200			2	110				
Herring Gull					2		2	50	5			27	
Glaucous Gull								1im					
Rock Dove	36	178		4		4	103	50	4	2	4	35	10
Mourning Dove	1												
Great Horned Owl			1ad		5ad			2ad		2			1
Long-eared Owl					1								
Belted Kingfisher	3	2					1	2	1			2	2
Lewis' Woodpecker						2							
Downy Woodpecker	8			4		1							
"Batchelder's" race									1				
"Eastern" races			1m1f		1			1fe				1	2
Hairy Woodpecker				1									

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Northern Flicker		16					5			7			
"Red-shafted" race	18		16	8	10	6		12	2		3	3	10
Horned Lark		91	9	100	1		1	50	10				
Barn Swallow	1												
Steller's Jay						2			4		17	5	3
Blue Jay	1	10		1		6		9			1		
Scrub Jay						20			9				
Black-billed Magpie	16	85	50	16	35	12	19	25	30	11	15	50	11
American Crow			25	9		14	12		1	4		2	7
Common Raven						2						3	1
Black-capped Chickadee	15		9	23	9	18		12	3	4		10	2
Mountain Chickadee	1					3			5		1	9	8
Red-breasted Nuthatch									3				
White-breasted Nuthatch						3			2		1	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch											5	6	25
Brown Creeper				1							2	1	2
Canyon Wren									1-H				
Marsh Wren	2											1	
American Dipper													1
Golden-crowned Kinglet									4				
Mountain Bluebird	9	2								1			
Townsend's Solitaire						2		3	2		7	4	3
American Robin	3	2	2	1				45	1			3	1
Water Pipit		12			8								
Cedar Waxwing									4				
Northern Shrike					1ad	1		1ad		1			
European Starling	24	3525	225	x	20	19	72	500	165	1	20	250	7
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Myrtle" race				3									
"Audubon's" race	1			2									
Rufous-sided Towhee													
"Spotted" races						1m							
American Tree Sparrow	5	46	35	3	6	17	1	15	8	23		10	5
Clay-colored Sparrow					1im								
Song Sparrow	19	10	20	3	15	1		10	12	14		2	4
White-crowned Sparrow		3	1im	1								5	
"Gambel's" race								30					
Harris' Sparrow			1im			2		1im				1	
Dark-eyed Junco									1				
"White-winged" race													2
"Slate-colored" race	1		1		1	3					2		
"Oregon" race	1		20	3	15	9		10		2	2		
"Gray-headed" race									1		35		6
Lapland Longspur								5					
Red-winged Blackbird	17	5258	50	200	70	15	48	3800	1	108		3	
Western Meadowlark		44		20				2				3	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		40											
Brewer's Blackbird		400				2							
Common Grackle		782	1	1				3					
Cassin's Finch												2	
House Finch	52	10	65	35	15	4	24	20	15	3		3	27
Red Crossbill											1		40

NOVEMBER 1986	1	2	3	8	9	15	16	17	21	22	23	28	29
AREA	GB	NCCO	CCRA	BAR	CCRA	PC	NDL	NECOL	CCCM	CSP	BOULDER	EG	BCK
HABITAT	PL	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	PLNS	PF	PLN	PLAIN	FHPL	PLN	FH : PLN	MT	P/F
Pine Siskin	60				4	5		2	1		6		3
American Goldfinch	44		30	11	3		2	55	2		1		
Evening Grosbeak	10	12	2			10		4	4		1	1	
House Sparrow	3	480	75	x	10	2	8	125	5		10	40	3
TOTAL SPECIES - 121	45	55	58	45	63	31	41	65	62	46	62	19	36

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
 Immature=im,i; Immature Male=ima;
 Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H;
 Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F;
 Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT,M; No individual
 counts=x; Pair=pr.

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1986 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Pacific Loon 11-26 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Red-necked Grebe 11-26 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Tundra Swan 11-13 (3 adults) Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Jefferson Co. (TJ); 11-13 (3) MacIntouch Reservoir? (RC,AC,BR); 11-16 thru 11-30 (1 adult, 1 immature) 95th Street near Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. (DW,JW); 11-26 (1 adult) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder Co. (DW,JW).
 Greater White-fronted Goose 11-13 (1) MacIntouch Reservoir (RC,AC,BR); 11-15 (6) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (MJS); 11-23 (4 adults) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR); 11-23 (6 adults) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR).
 Snow Goose 11-9 (10 adults - "White" form, 2 adults - "Blue" form) in flight over Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver Co. (TJ); 11-15 (1- "Blue" form) Marston Reservoir (MJS); 11-23 (400- "White" form, 30- "Blue" form) Jumbo Reservoir (JR); 11-23 (25- "White" form, 2- "Blue" form) Bijou Reservoir (JR).
 Ross' Goose 11-13 (1) MacIntouch Reservoir (RC,AC,BR); 11-23 (1 adult) Jumbo Reservoir (JR).
 Greater Scaup 11-12 (1 female) Chatfield Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Oldsquaw 11-23 (1 immature female) Bijou Reservoir (JR).
 White-winged Scoter 11-16 thru 11-25 (1 immature) 95th Street near Boulder Creek (Mob).
 Barrow's Goldeneye 11-12 (1 male) Chatfield Reservoir SRA (AH); 11-15 (1 male) Marston Reservoir (MJS).
 Red-breasted Merganser 11-9 (4 females) Valmont Reservoir (TJ); 11-15 (6 females) Valmont Reservoir (TJ).
 Bald Eagle 11-22 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (AS); 11-23 (1 adult) Bijou Reservoir (JR).
 Northern Goshawk 11-7 (1 immature) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (AS); 11-29 & 11-30 (1) 2475 Garland, Denver (DG).
 Black-bellied Plover 11-13 (1 immature) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder, Boulder Co. (DW,JW); 11-15 (1) Baseline Reservoir (TJ).
 Long-billed Dowitcher 11-29 (1 adult) pond near 119th Street & Arapahoe Rd., Boulder Co. (DW,JW).
 Bonaparte's Gull 11-7 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Thayer's Gull 11-7 (1, first winter) & 11-23 (1, first winter) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Eastern Screech-owl 11-25 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH).
 Long-eared Owl 11-27 (1) abandoned Sky Ranch Airport, Himalaya Street north of I-70, Adams Co. (AS).
 Tennessee Warbler 11-20 (1) 2930 Pearl, Boulder, Boulder Co. (BR).
 Palm Warbler 11-8 (1) Chatfield SRA (RL).
 Harris' Sparrow 11-26 (1 immature) Cherry Creek SRA (JR).

Lapland Longspur 11-23 (2) Jumbo Reservoir (JR).

Common Grackle 11-23 (1) Vail, Eagle Co. (BR).

Evening Grosbeak 11-15 (3 males, 2 females) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (JH).

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1987

January 3, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4632). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, 44th Ave. west of Kipling.*

4, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Al Hay (422-0239). Meet at 8:00 A.M. Park-n-Ride - Wadsworth south of Hampden.*

10, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER-URBAN. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at parking lot west of King Soopers on Federal at Bellevue.*

11, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History. 1/2 day trip.*

17, Saturday. WATERTON, CHATFIELD & MC LELLAN RESVR. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, sw of Burlington Coat Factory.*

18, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK area. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Trading Post in Red Rocks. Dress warm to see Rosy Finches after 3:30 p.m.

24, Saturday. BOULDER area. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:30 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, south lot, 38th and Wadsworth or meet at 8:15 A.M. Basemar Shopping Center on south side of Baseline east of Broadway.*

25, Sunday. BEAR CREEK-PLAINS TO MOUNTAINS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-5718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, sw of Burlington Coat Factory.*

31, Saturday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (772-5308). Trip destination depending on weather and road conditions. Call leader for time and place of meeting.*

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NOTICES

"Upper Texas Coast Bird Trip", April 16 (evening) - April 21st (late afternoon).
Contact Bob Righter 692-8529 for more information.

"Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas Meeting", by Hugh Kingery.

Colorado has a new bird project underway: a breeding bird atlas. You can learn it at an Atlas Development Meeting January 31 in Denver. The meeting will start at 9 A.M. at the West Auditorium of the Denver Museum of Natural History, and continue until 3 P.M.

The atlas will involve a corps of volunteer bird watchers to collect data on the breeding birds in blocks 3 miles on a side. Because of the size of Colorado, we do not expect to survey the entire state. Rather, we plan to survey 1800 blocks--one 3-mile block in each 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. (A block is one-sixth of a topographic map.) We plan to complete the field work in five to six years.

The meeting January 31 will describe the atlas and the field work. Speakers will explain how field workers do not have to find nests, but can rely on other forms of bird behavior to categorize the birds they observe into Confirmed, Probable, and Possible breeders. The atlas will solicit volunteers for field work and coordination, including office work, accounting, regional coordination, fund raising, and computer work.

You can obtain information about the meeting or the Atlas from the Atlas office, c/o Zoology Dept., Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver 80205. Telephone 370-6336. Meeting signups are not necessary, though they will be appreciated for planning purposes. You can also obtain information from Hugh Kingery at 333-0161.

Barr Lake Nature Education Program

Have you ever thought about being a park naturalist--leading people on nature walks and being the expert answering their questions about plants, mammals, and birds? Well, here's your chance! The Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation are recruiting "a few good people" to join their staff at Barr Lake State Park as volunteer interpretative naturalists.

The Barr Lake Nature Education Program provides learning opportunities for a variety of audiences, including school children, the general public, scout groups and other organizations. The Barr Lake Nature Center is a popular stop for park visitors where they can learn about the park by visiting with a naturalist and viewing the center's displays and live animal exhibits.

According to Karen Hardesty, Nature Center Director, volunteers are especially needed to help with field trip opportunities in the spring and fall. Volunteers may also serve as information specialists in the nature center and assist with a variety of other activities.

Prospective volunteers are being asked to attend a special open house at the Nature Center in January to become familiar with the park and the Nature Education Program. Applicants accepted into the program will be provided with 40 hours of training in natural history, park procedures and interpretive techniques. The classes will be held from February through April.

Applications will be accepted through January 26, 1987.

For further information on volunteer positions and the January open house, please call Karen Hardesty at the Barr Lake Nature Center (659-1160) or Carol Leasure at the Barr Lake State Park Office (659-6005).